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Washington College Declares "Code Bagel"

ANYTHING can happen during the three weeks that will lapse between my writing this message and its arrival in your mailbox. Just looking back at the last three weeks is a reminder.

Three weeks ago today the entire campus was under nearly three feet of snow with a storm continuing to dump more. Governor Ehrlich had declared a state of emergency in Maryland and ordered all vehicles off the roads the night before. The campus was blanketed but far from empty. Members of the Buildings and Grounds staff had been working around the clock to clear the paths between residence halls and the dining hall. They slept in shifts and worked through the night to try to keep pace with the storm. Members of the Dining Service staff spent the night in campus housing so they could prepare meals for the students who made their way to the Dining Hall. Acting Dining Services Director Darrell Jester spread the

word that anyone who made his way to Hodson Hall was to be welcomed in for a cup of coffee and a bagel, no matter who they were, no matter what the time.

The local news featured around-the-clock announcements of closings and cryptic snow designations. "What is Code Red?" someone asked me. Apparently one station had ascribed that status code to Washington College in a scrambled message. On the national news, the relevant code was Orange to describe our state of terrorist alert. At the height of the snowstorm Monday morning, a loud crack shook the town. The local emergency number was flooded with fearful callers who thought this was a terrorist attack. It was thunder.

Last week, still another alert. This one was Amber and signaled a missing child (since located) in the New Jersey area. These are troubling times. Just keeping our codes straight is difficult, not to mention understanding or gauging the dangers.

Criticism in the wake of these circumstances is inevitable. Students complained of the College's decision to

re-open on Wednesday, despite the prevalence of drifted snow and the shortage of parking. Some parents e-mailed to complain that we had been closed at all. Pleasing every constituency turned out to be as impossible as second-guessing the weather. But a spirit of cooperation reigned on campus. Students passed around coveted snow shovels and helped dig out. Folks living in town walked to campus to help alleviate parking shortages. Reid Raudenbush's Grounds crew just kept the snowplows gassed up, and the Dining Services kept those bagels rolling.

As we go to press, our world is on the brink of a different kind of storm. We can only hope that a spirit of cooperation might yet prevail and that someday, the education we work so hard to provide to a rising generation might manifest itself in wisdom that will feed the world rather than allowing it to entrench itself in conflict.

— MDH

Correction

Our apologies to Anne Chan '00, who was inadvertently cropped out of the wedding photo submitted by her classmates Jason Yerkie and Meadow Gladding for the Winter 2002/03 edition. Please see the full wedding party on page 34.

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ABOUT THE COVER: Dan Premo, professor of political science at Washington College, has spent his professional life working and traveling in various parts of Latin America. Here, Premo visits the site of a colonial fort protecting the entrance into Acapulco Bay.

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Convocation Honors Washington's Legacy

AT WASHINGTON'S Birthday Convocation in February, the College honored its founding patron by awarding honorary degrees to three men who exemplify his ideals of education, leadership and public service.

Walter Baker, an alumnus recently retired from the Maryland Senate, received the Doctor of Public Service in recognition of his long career in Maryland politics, particularly his representation of the Eastern Shore. "This College is responsible for all the things I've accomplished in my lifetime," he said.

John H. Marburger III, a physicist and former president of State University of New York-Stony Brook, now serving as presidential science adviser, received the Doctor of Science. He reflected on Washington's admonition to citizens of the new democracy to forget local prejudices and to make sacrifices for the good of the community.

"The only enduring defense against the corrosive effects of unimpeded and technologically magnified self-interest and demagoguery is education," Marburger said. "Education provides not only the skills to wield technology effectively for national secu-

rity and economic strength, it also provides the breadth of knowledge and the scope of vision to wield it responsibly. But most importantly it builds the confidence required for independent judgment, the imagination to accommodate the views of others, and the personal strength to overcome pride and prejudice to advance the interests of the whole."

Werner Gundersheimer, director emeritus of the Folger Shakespeare Library, received the Doctor of Humane Letters. A scholar of early modern French and Italian history, Gundersheimer recently donated his private collection of books on Medieval and Renaissance literature to Washington College.

Hailing the liberal arts college as a uniquely American institution, Gundersheimer spoke about the role of the

College in fostering an atmosphere of free inquiry, open expression and respect for diverse points of view.

"Today, more than ever," he said, "as those values are under assault here and abroad, this college offers you a chance to acquire the best possible resource for making a difference in a new world order that is struggling to be born—that is, a trained, flexible, critical mind. Here you can and should acquire an appreciation of the world's complexity, a realization that binary thinking—the notion that human affairs may be reduced either to black or white, good or evil, with us or against us—makes a mockery of rational discourse.

"It would be folly to deny that many problems may be addressed, some of them perhaps even solved, by the use

Senator Walter Baker (left) congratulates Werner Gundersheimer as John Marburger looks on.

of duct tape, or other technologies that we have in good supply," he continued, referring to a government recommendation that disaster readiness kits include plastic sheeting and duct tape. "It is my hope that your studies here will prepare you to identify and help address the many problems that cry out for a wiser, more considered, perhaps more nuanced approach to the great issues we must all face together. In so doing, you would indeed be honoring the memory of George Washington and his great contemporaries, who made America a revered word among the peoples of the earth." ■



PHOTO: MELISSA GRIMES-GUY

Construction Begins On New Science Building

WITH THE SPRING thaw and the promise of warmer days ahead, the College will begin its most ambitious construction project in history—a \$19 million, 45,000-square-foot science complex. The new building will easily meet the daily demands for classrooms and laboratory space while facilitating what our faculty do best—teach young people how to be scientists.

The science building project will be the capstone of the College's Campaign for Washington College, a five-year-long fundraising initiative that is expected to top out at more than \$100 million by its December 2003 conclusion.

The new facility, at the southern end of campus, will adjoin the existing Dunning Hall/Decker Science Center. The design for the new science center, developed by Ellenzweig Architects of Cambridge, Massachusetts, evolved from the overriding goal of bringing together the sciences, math/computer science and psychology in one integrated complex. The addition is connected to the existing Dunning/Decker complex by a central atrium space that also will serve as the social hub of the two wings. The atrium space will

open directly off the main Dunning lobby on both the ground and first floors.

The addition houses the more infrastructure-intensive departments—chemistry, biology and environmental science—while the renovated space in Dunning-Decker will house physics, psychology, and mathematics and computer science. The new complex will provide state-of-the-art teaching labs and classrooms, vastly increased research space for faculty and students, space for student study and interaction, as well as a variety of specialized spaces to support the particular requirements of each department.

"We are very excited at the prospect of having modern laboratories," remarks Professor George Spilich, who holds the John Toll Chair. "At the present time, we have very limited space for teaching and faculty-student research. Because we share labs with other professors, we often have to break down a laboratory to accommodate another professor or another course, so projects

often do not develop as they would if faculty and students had more time."

Rosemary Ford, chair of the biology department, also looks forward to the opportunity to conduct more prolonged science projects. "Right now, students can't do a lab that requires more than three hours, since other students need to use the lab," she says. "The new labs will enable students to more clearly see the process of science and will improve the interconnectedness of experiment and theory. It will now be possible to conduct lectures and labs together in a learning environment that incorporates multimedia instructional technology and provides laptop computers for students to process data or access databases on the web."

College officials are expecting the new addition will be completed in time for the beginning of classes in August 2004.

To date, the College has raised nearly \$6 million for the project. Efforts are underway to honor the

memory of Joseph H. McLain '37, a long-time professor of chemistry and a former College president, by naming the atrium for him (see page 20). ▀

Hodson Trust Awards WC \$1.76 Million

AT A LUNCHEON atop Baltimore's World Trade Center on December 4, the Hodson Trust presented grants totaling \$6,094,586 to four Maryland colleges. Johns Hopkins University, Hood College and Washington College each received \$1,764,151, and \$802,133 went to St. John's College. This latest gift brings Hodson Trust support to these private, independent colleges to more than \$132 million over the past eight decades.

"The Hodson Trust believes firmly and completely in the value of education," said Finn M. W. Caspersen,

The new science facility (architect's drawing at right) will be constructed along Campus Avenue, just behind the existing Dunning/Decker facility. Dunning/Decker will be renovated after new construction is completed.





chairman of the Hodson board of trustees since 1976. "It makes a crucial difference to individuals, to the United States and to the world.

"We are pleased to support education in Maryland," he continued. "We consider these grants to be an excellent investment in talented scholars and important educational initiatives."

The Hodson Trust was settled in 1920 by the family of Colonel Clarence Hodson, Beneficial Corporation founder, to support excellence in education. The Hodson Trust has honored Colonel Hodson's interest in higher education by giving millions of dollars to endow academic merit scholarships at all four schools. In addition, grants from the Trust have supported research, academic programs, new facilities, professorships and other initiatives to advance the missions of the four Maryland colleges.

"We are profoundly grateful for the continued support of The Hodson Trust," said Washington College President John S. Toll. "It is largely to Finn Caspersen's credit that Washington College has been able to surpass its original goal of \$72 million in its current Campaign for Washington's College.

"When Mr. Caspersen au-

thorized the Trust's projected contributions of \$15 million to be used as a Hodson Challenge, other major donors stepped up to provide funding for endowed scholarships, academic programs and faculty chairs," Toll continued. "The Hodson Trust has leveraged dramatically our success in recruiting good students, in attracting and retaining gifted faculty, and in enhancing our academic programs." ▀

WC Lauded By Sigma Xi

WASHINGTON College's chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, has received both a Chapter of Excellence Award and a Chapter Program Award from the national offices of Sigma Xi, based in Research Triangle, NC. The awards were presented during the second Assembly of Delegates at the Society's Annual Meeting in November, in Galveston, TX.

Kouri Coleman Miller '96, a physics major now working with NASA's Space Shuttle Program, accepted the awards on behalf of the College at the November ceremony.

Finn Caspersen (right), chair of The Hodson Trust, presented College President John Toll with a check for \$1.764 million at the annual Hodson Trust luncheon in early December. The gift is part of the Hodson Challenge commitment, a fundraising initiative to match gifts to the endowment of more than \$100,000. With the impetus of the Hodson Challenge, the College has raised more than \$20 million for scholarships, endowed chairs and professorships.

Chapter of Excellence Awards are awarded to chapters for overall outstanding educational programming—such as symposia, speaker series and other public events—during the past fiscal year. Washington College was honored for two science outreach programs developed by its psychology and chemistry departments respectively to serve area secondary and high school students: "Neuroscience in Schools" and "Why Chemistry is Fun."

Program Awards are given to chapters that have organized or hosted a single, outstanding program during the past year. The College's Sigma Xi chapter was honored for its symposium "Barriers to and Opportunities for Women in Science," whose keynote speaker was Dr. Rita Colwell, Director of the National Science Foundation, and the coordinated "Women in Science" lecture series that featured prestigious women scientists from across diverse fields.

Founded in 1886, Sigma Xi is a non-profit membership society of more than

80,000 scientists and engineers elected to the Society because of their research achievements or potential. In addition to publishing the journal *American Scientist*, Sigma Xi awards annual grants to promising young researchers, holds forums on critical issues at the intersection of science and society, and sponsors a variety of programs supporting science and engineering, science education, science policy, and the public understanding of science.

The Washington College Sigma Xi chapter was officially installed in April 2001. The affiliation allows faculty and students to advance scientific education and research through grants; to fund faculty and student projects, travel awards and conferences; and to sponsor visiting scientists and collaborative research with other institutions. ▀

New Book Gives Smith His Due

WILLIAM SMITH, the founding president of Washington College and of St. John's College in Annapolis, wrote *The College of Mirania* at age 26, in the belief that "it is education alone that can mend



During her 35 years at St. John's College as college historian and librarian, Charlotte Fletcher (right) became fascinated with the figure of William Smith.

and rectify the heart." This maxim is at the core of all liberal arts colleges today.

Yet Smith, the first provost of the University of Pennsylvania and an important figure in the intellectual life of late eighteenth-century America, is the Rodney Dangerfield of our nation's founding fathers—he's gotten no respect. Until now.

Charlotte Goldsborough Fletcher, a longtime librarian at St. John's College, devoted the past ten years to writing his biography. *Cato's Mirania: A Life of Provost Smith*, was published by the University Press of America last fall. In the book she recounts Smith's sometimes testy relationship with Benjamin Franklin, his vision for learning in a free society, and his role in reorganizing the Church of England in America as an independent Anglican province.

In early December, the College hosted a tea in her honor, celebrating the publication of her book and the shared history of the two colleges Smith founded.

To order a copy, visit www.univpress.com. ■

College Hosts Computing Games

OUR COMPUTER science students might not be running laps, but they can run laptops around other schools' programmers.

On November 16, the College's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science hosted the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Mid-Atlantic Programming Competition. Fielding two teams on the digital turf, the Washcoll Wolves and Wombats, Washington College faced

off against teams from University of Delaware, Towson University and West Virginia University, among others, and showed them this liberal arts college has the competitive edge.

"With great joy I can announce that our team, the

Washcoll Wolves, secured 23rd place in the ACM Programming Competition in a multi-way tie with several other teams," said Austin Lobo, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, who organized the competition. "Our second



PHOTO: IAN BRADSHAW

team, the Washcoll Wombats, stood 89th."

This is a great showing for a computer science program as young as ours, Lobo said, especially in regional competition among 146 teams representing 70 schools.

Lobo reported that the College received many compliments from the guest teams for the quality and performance of our computing equipment and classrooms.

"Our site performed flawlessly," he says. "Ted Knab of our Office of Information Technology worked countless hours on setting up the com-

Heather Russell '03 (second from left) a math and computer science major interested in cryptology, is captain of the Washcoll Wolves.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Stephen N. Jones

Dr. Stephen N. Jones, one of the most respected internists in the Washington metropolitan area, died February 2, 2003, at his Rockville home. Dr. Jones was a highly dedicated and effective member of the College's Board and was much admired and beloved by his colleagues.

Born and raised on a Rockville farm, Dr. Jones received his medical degree from Georgetown University and began his medical career as a country doctor more than 50 years ago. When he retired in 1995, his expertise was widely recognized and he was well respected as the founder and leader of a group practice of 10 physicians. When he opened his practice in 1950, there were few internists and even fewer specialists in what was then the little town of Rockville; as was the manner of doctors of the era, house calls were his specialty, a practice that he continued even in the later years of his career.

Dr. Jones was an internist who specialized in cardiology. In the early 1970s, he was instrumental in organizing Holy Cross Hospital's "heartmobile," an emergency response van equipped with heart-monitoring and diagnostic equipment. During his long career, he also found time to work as a clinical instructor at Georgetown University's medical school and to serve on the board of regents of both the medical school and the University. In 1992, the Montgomery County Medical Society named him Clinician of the Year.

In 2001, Dr. Jones was invited to become a Member of the Board of Washington College, an opportunity that he graciously and enthusiastically accepted. He became a dedicated member of the Committee on Development and the Committee on Financial Affairs; he was particularly effective in focusing on important problems and in finding useful solutions. Most of all, he was a considerate colleague who set a tone of cooperation, and made it a joy for others to work with him.

Dr. Jones is survived by his wife Ann, four children, and 10 grandchildren.



puter server and the contest software."

While the computer competition site at Virginia Tech and three other universities crashed repeatedly during the regional competition, ours never did.

"This event made it clear that our computer science students have the ability, the drive and the support here at the College to compete with the best," he added. "I am very proud of them." ▀

Study Affirms Value Of Liberal Arts

DOES THE TYPE of school an undergraduate attends really make a difference? A new comparative alumni survey commissioned by the Annapolis Group—a consortium of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges of which Washington College is a member—has found that the undergraduate experience at small, residential liberal arts colleges is more effective in producing meaningful and lasting benefits than the educational experience at large public and private universities.

The study, titled *What Matters in College After College*, shows what many of us already know and value about our own Washington College experience.

The survey indicates that a residential, liberal arts education not only leads to a number of immediate positive outcomes, but that these outcomes are present in and important to liberal arts college alumni long after their college experience has ended. The liberal arts college alumni surveyed reported closer interaction with professors, greater in-

volvement in experiential learning and extracurricular activities, and an emphasis on values and ethics that is often absent at public universities; and a greater sense of community with other students, friendships and opportunities for peer interactions not found at the public institutions.

Alumni of liberal arts colleges were significantly more likely than graduates of other types of colleges to hold a graduate degree and to feel better prepared for life after college, and reported a higher overall satisfaction with their undergraduate education than graduates of any other type of college or university.

Also, graduates of small, residential liberal arts colleges credit their undergraduate experience for helping them develop a broad range of skills important to their everyday lives (problem solving, making effective decisions, thinking analytically, writing effectively, relating to people of different backgrounds and developing new skills). These broad skills—more than the undergraduate major itself—helped grads get their first job or gain admission to graduate school, and have continued to help with career changes or advancement.

The study was based on interviews with 1,571 alumni from five types of schools:

Close interaction with professors and smaller classroom settings give liberal arts colleges an edge over public institutions, according to a new survey.

Annapolis Group liberal arts colleges, private universities, the top 50 public universities (as ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*), national flagship public universities and regional public universities. The study's results can be viewed online at www.CollegeNews.org. ▀

Sines Shows Heart Of A Champion

WHEN STACY SINES '03 touched the wall first in the 200-yard freestyle at the ECAC Division III Swimming and Diving Championships in December, she put the finishing touches on her greatest victory.

Sines had won her share of races before—she was an NCAA Division III All-American each of the past

two seasons, after all—but this gold medal wasn't only about finishing ahead of other swimmers. No, this challenge was much greater than a race. Just four and a half months earlier, she had undergone open-heart surgery.

Diagnosed with an aneurysm in her heart in the fall of 2001, Sines continued to swim while she underwent tests and debated her medical options. In fact, she won gold medals in two individual events and one relay at the Centennial Conference Championships, and then finished 14th in the 200-yard freestyle at the NCAA Division III Championships to earn All-American status.

Open-heart surgery was performed successfully on July 23, but it left her physically weak. The challenge to return to competitive swimming was apparent the first time she got in a pool after her surgery. "It took me 43 seconds to get from one end of the pool to another," Sines remembers. Less than five months later, she would cover that same distance in under 14 seconds.

In Washington's early-season dual meets, Sines swam well, and at the ECAC Championships in early December, she excelled. Her winning time in the 200-yard freestyle was 1:56.17, a provisional qualifying time for the NCAA Division III Championships. She also finished second in the 500-yard



PHOTO: MELISSA GRAMES-GHY



Senior Stacy Sines (right) came back from open-heart surgery to swim a championship season.

freestyle, and ninth in both the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard freestyle, and helped the Shorewomen defend their 400-yard medley relay title in an ECAC record-breaking time of 4:06.56.

Since then Sines has added another mark in her long list of accomplishments—she broke the school record in the 400 individual medley in a January meet against Bryn Mawr. That record was set in 1991 by Kasey Carroll and was the school's longest-standing record in swimming.

Sines' character and resolve have certainly contributed to her success. Coach Kim Lessard calls her a great role model for the team. "I have seen her change and grow as a person and competitor." Sines also recognizes just how this experience has changed her.

"I'm so much more appreciative of everyone and everything in my life. When I swam so well at ECACs, it was the best feeling ever. I've never felt that way before." ▀

Senior Wins Gardner Scholarship

COLLEGE PRESIDENT John Toll presented Mary McAuliffe '03 with the Kent L. Gardner Scholarship Award for graduate studies, given by the Order of Omega. McAuliffe, a political science and economics major, is captain of the women's varsity crew team, a Student Athlete Mentor, a sister of the Zeta Tau Alpha fraternity, and president of the Order of Omega, the national Greek leadership society that sponsored the scholarship award.



Mary McAuliffe '03, this year's Omega Scholarship winner, intends to pursue an MBA.

After graduating this spring, she will join the National Security Team at Booz Allen Hamilton Inc., a worldwide consulting firm, where she has been interning since being awarded the National Security Scholarship in 2000. She intends to pursue an MBA while working at Booz Allen. ▀

Grants Fund GIS Program

A \$123,000 GRANT from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and an anonymous \$100,000 foundation grant will help establish a transdisciplinary Geographic Information System (Trans-GIS) program at the College.

Trans-GIS is computer-based technology for community and environmental planning, resource management and business planning. This program will be structured to include students from across the curriculum—computer science, business management, environmental science, archaeology, sociology, history and other disciplines—working with faculty to create a computer-based graphic and analytical GIS tool useful to the Eastern Shore region.

"The ultimate goal of hav-

ing the Trans-GIS program at Washington College is two-fold," said John Seidel, the assistant professor of anthropology and environmental studies who will develop the program. "First, Trans-GIS will enable students to understand GIS technology, which is rapidly being applied to subjects ranging from mapping the historical past to planning sustainable futures. Familiarity with GIS will prepare them and make them more competitive in today's technology-based fields. Second, Trans-GIS will be a resource in the region through which students can become involved in real-world projects

that address significant environmental and social concerns on the Eastern Shore."

The Trans-GIS program will be administered through the College's Center for the Environment and Society, which is coordinating outreach programs for the Eastern Shore, such as the recently implemented Rural Communities Leadership Program developed in collaboration with the University of Maryland's Institute for Governmental Service and funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

"The Center is especially interested in the working landscapes of the Delmarva Peninsula," said Dr. Wayne Bell, director of the Center for the Environment and Society. "GIS is a powerful analytical tool that helps us assess how land uses such as agriculture, forestry, and conserved open space are distributed in the region today and, through more informed planning, how such working landscapes can be sustained in the future." ▀

HEARD AROUND CAMPUS



"Since Athens 500 B.C., there's only one thing that's always mattered in politics. It's not power, it's not mechanics and it's not programs. It's a reason! So, if the other side has a good one and you don't, you're going to lose."

—James Carville, Co-host of CNN's **CROSSFIRE**,
November 20, 2002, Tawes Theatre



PHOTO: KEVIN TUCKER

Junior midfielder Steve Berger, a returning All-American, is expected to play a leadership role on the 2003 men's lacrosse team.

midfielder Jeremy Shannon, senior defenseman Greg Fleetwood and junior defenseman Matt Krug.

The Shoremen team picked up 1550 points in the poll and was among three Centennial Conference schools to be included in the rankings. Gettysburg, the national runner-up each of the

past two seasons, is ranked No. 2, and McDaniel is ranked 11th.

The men's tennis team graduated their top two players last May, but return their next four players, including junior Peter Taylor, who won the ITA Regional singles tournament and finished seventh at the ITA National tournament last fall. Taylor is ranked 12th nationally in singles in the fall rankings, and third in the Atlantic South region. Taylor and

sophomore Rafael Martins are ranked 21st nationally in doubles and sixth in the region. Martins is also ranked 14th in singles in the region, while sophomore Asfand Farouk and senior Louis Blanchette comprise the region's 16th-ranked doubles tandem.

The sailors achieved their highest-ranked position last fall. After a good showing at a MAISA Championship event, the sailors were ranked 14th in the nation in the

Athletes Gear Up For Great Season

THREE WASHINGTON College teams enter their respective seasons as nationally ranked teams.

The men's lacrosse team earned a No. 3 ranking in the 2003 Face-Off Yearbook Division III Top 20 preseason coaches poll, released by *Inside Lacrosse* magazine. The men's tennis team open their season ranked ninth in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Division III rankings, and third in the Atlantic South Region, behind only Emory and Mary Washington. The Shore sailors are also a preseason favorite, ranked 15th in the nation.

The men's lacrosse team earned its preseason ranking due largely to its performance last season. The Shoremen finished with a 13-4 record and advanced to the NCAA Division III quarterfinals. WC put together that mark while playing the most difficult schedule in Division III, according to LaxPower.com. Four All-American selections are returning this season. Leading the team will be junior midfielder Steve Berger, a 2002 second team pick, senior defensive

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Radkey Quoos

Ruth Evelyn Radkey Quoos, a gifted pianist who taught piano for many years at Washington College, died February 13, 2003, at a retirement home in Centreville. She was 97.

Born in Chicago, she was the second child of Lawrence B. Radkey and Inabelle Budd Radkey. Her older sister, Aileen R. DesAutels, predeceased her. Her brother, Robert B. Radkey, of Arkansas, survives her.

In 1939 she was married to August Quoos in a four-passenger airplane as it flew over Chicago; August had been a pilot before pursuing his engineering career. He died in 1978.

Quoos earned her bachelor of music degree at the Cosmopolitan School of Music in Chicago, studying piano with Daisy Waller Stephen and Serge Tarnowsky. Later she took courses related to accompanying at Roosevelt University, as well as numerous piano pedagogy courses. She was a member of Phi Beta, a national professional music and performing arts sorority. The Music Teachers National Association recognized her as a lifetime nationally certified teacher of piano.

At age 16 she gave her first solo conservatory recital and at 18 took first place in a piano competition, winning her A.B. Chase grand piano and a solo appearance at Orchestra Hall in Chicago with the Symphony Club Orchestra. She later gave solo recitals in Kimball Hall and the Playhouse in Chicago, as well as in other area venues, and accompanied singers and solo instrumentalists.

During her teaching career of more than 70 years, she taught at the Austin Academy of Fine Arts and the Cosmopolitan, Calumet, Sherwood, Park Forest, and American conservatories of music in the Chicago area. After moving to Chestertown in 1975, her piano studio was at Washington College, where she taught college students and area children and adults until mid-1994.

From 1983 to late 1988 she played the organ for the Chestertown Christian Science group and from 1988 to mid-1998 for Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown.

Quoos is survived by a daughter, Margaret Quoos Fallaw, of Chestertown; son-in-law W. Robert Fallaw, a professor of history at the College; and four grandsons: Stephen Fallaw, Peter Fallaw, Michael Fallaw and Timothy Fallaw.

The family suggests contributions to Washington College's Music Department, c/o the Development Office, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620.



World Co-Ed College Rankings. Washington finished fourth at the MAISA Fall District Championships, the War Memorial Regatta, held in November at St. Mary's (MD) College. Recent sailing action has the Shoremen ranked at 15. The team traveled more than 3,000 miles to compete in the Rose Bowl Regatta and came away with 9th-place finish in a competitive field of 19 teams. The regatta was hosted by the University of Southern California. Washington finished 8th in A Division and 9th in the B Division. ▀

College Sets 2003-04 Tuition

FACING THE IMPACT of stock market downturns on the College's endowment and anticipated reductions in the State of Maryland's aid to higher education, including to the State's private colleges, Washington College has had

to depart from its recent practice of limiting tuition increases to \$1000.

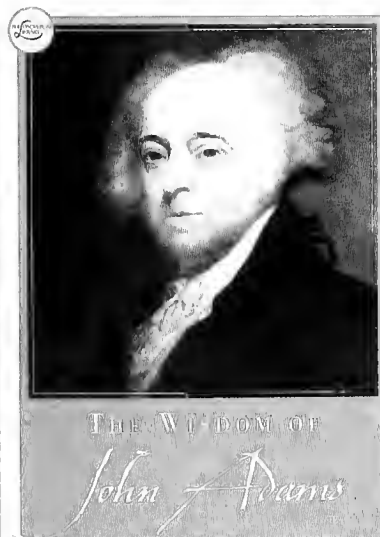
Instead, the Board of Visitors and Governors has attempted to balance the financial needs of the institution while maintaining reasonable cost levels for students and parents, and at its February meeting approved a basic increase of \$1,500 for full-time students for the academic year 2003-2004. The fee represents a 5.17% increase over similar total charges for the current year.

All of the increase has been applied to tuition (\$24,240) with basic charges for room (\$2,600) and board (\$3,140) and the student fee (\$560) held constant.

"Recent months have brought much news in the regional and national media regarding public colleges and universities instituting increases in tuition charges," said President John Toll. "Like those institutions, we are feeling the same economic pressures, but we anticipate that, on a percentage basis, our increase will be below what many other institutions will propose for the coming year, and will not place unreasonable demands on the financial resources of our students and their parents."

WC and other independent colleges in Maryland are joining lobbyists working in Annapolis to defeat a bill that would eliminate all state assistance for out-of-state students. ▀

The Wisdom of John Adams was released in February as a volume in Citadel Press's Philosophical Library series.



Edited by KEES DE MOOY

WC IN THE NEWS

Some Recent Ink...

"Every child in Kent and Queen Anne's counties has the right to pull a catfish out of the Chester River, cook that fish and eat it, knowing it's safe."

— Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., President of the Waterkeeper Alliance, welcoming the first Chester Riverkeeper at Washington College, quoted in *The Delmarva Farmer*, October 22, 2002

"Douglas Darnowski knows more about Australian triggerplants than most Australians do."

— WC Biology professor Doug Darnowski, described in "Triggerplants mug visiting insects," *The News Journal*, November 11, 2002

"Overhearing Carville warmly congratulating [business management professor Terry] Scout following the debate, one student said, 'Gosh, he's like a really, really nice person.'

"Oh-oh!," Carville said, rolling his eyes. 'Don't let that get around.'"

— Reporter Cooky McClung describing the November 20th campus debate with CNN *Crossfire* co-host James Carville, *The Star Democrat*, December 1, 2002 ("Underneath persona and wisecrackin' politics Carville turns out to be nice guy")

"Chestertown—about 50 miles from New Castle County on the Eastern Shore—was inspirational, too. The town has respected its Colonial heritage by preserving old buildings and keeping out the kind of new ones that destroy a sense of place."

— Reporter Gary Mullinax on the C. V. Starr Center-sponsored event "Somewhere off the Interstate," *The News Journal*, December 1, 2002 ("Keeping Place")

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Starr Staffer Edits Historical Letters

KEES DE MOOY, program manager of the C. V. Starr Center for the American Experience, is editing a series of volumes focused on the great figures in history.

His first volume for "The Wisdom of" series focuses on

John Adams. Forthcoming volumes are on Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln.

John Adams offers readers Adams' thoughts on the American Revolution, as well as insight into the private man, with his personal philosophy and thoughts on life and religion; a look at the public Adams, with his thoughts on government, politics and education; and character sketches of other luminaries of the day. ▀

Elemental Peace

by Carol Casey

There's a river running through Marilee Schumann's studio at the University of Maryland, comprising rocks from the Chester River, long strips of wood planed at Schaubert's sawmill outside of Chestertown, and eerie hollow balls made of rough white cloth scattered here and there along the river's bed.

"This is all about water," says Schumann. The river is dry. "Not having it, that is." Around her studio hang studies for this project, the culmination of a semester's work. Bets are she's going to get an "A."

It's been a good year for Schumann, a 1971 graduate of Washington College in English and now a graduate student in art at the University of Maryland. In November 2002, her "First Stone" was awarded first prize in sculpture in the Sadat Art for Peace Competition at Maryland. Schumann received a cash award of \$1,000 and the work was given to U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, this year's speaker for the Anwar Sadat Lecture for Peace. Previous speakers were Israeli president Ezer Weizman, former president Jimmy Carter, former secretary of state Henry Kissinger, and Nelson Mandela.

"It's exciting just to have had a chance to enter the competition," says Schumann. "And winning is an incredible honor." The Anwar Sadat Center for Peace at the University of Maryland was created through the efforts of Jehan Sadat, widow of Egyptian

president and Nobel Peace Prize winner Anwar Sadat. He was assassinated in Egypt in 1981.

"When I considered entering the competition, I began to think about how art

of an open book. The pages of the book, white bookbinding fabric, fan out from the rock and surround it.

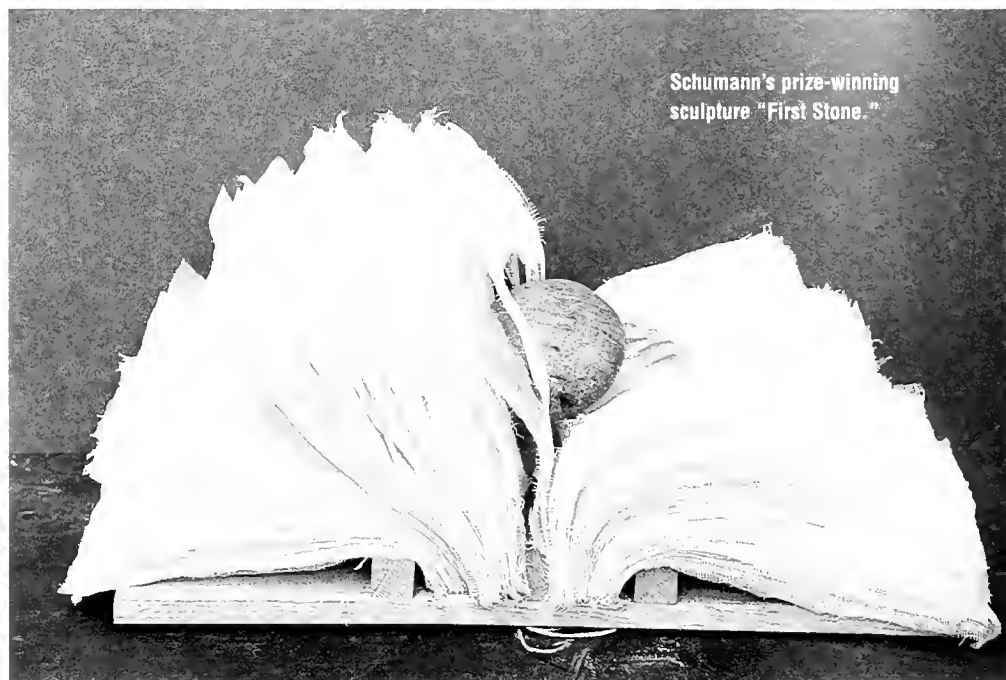
Schumann's art draws on materials, skills and concerns she's developed over a long career as an artist. "I've done bookbinding for years," she says, "and have found I like the texture and associations that bookbinding fabric brings to my sculpture. It's interesting to work with because of its body, but its translucence brings softness and light into pieces whose other elements are dense: rock and wood."

Schumann has also worked as a potter, crafting larger and larger pieces that often incorporate impressions from grasses and flowers of the shore. About two years ago, she says, "I realized that I wanted more of a chal-

work and her life. She is a member of the board of directors of the Chester River Association, which just hired its first Riverkeeper to help bring the body of water back to health. She and her husband, Ford, own a farm in Queen Anne's County.

"I met Ford in Nancy Tatum's English class," she says. After graduation, they moved to Annapolis, but soon realized that they wanted to settle down in the place they had come to love. "We really wanted to live on the Eastern Shore, so we bought our farm in 1976."

With the strength of their own convictions, the Schumanns have raised two children who appreciate the arts, the environment, and the quality of life on the Eastern Shore. Through her art, Marilee Schumann is



Schumann's prize-winning sculpture "First Stone."

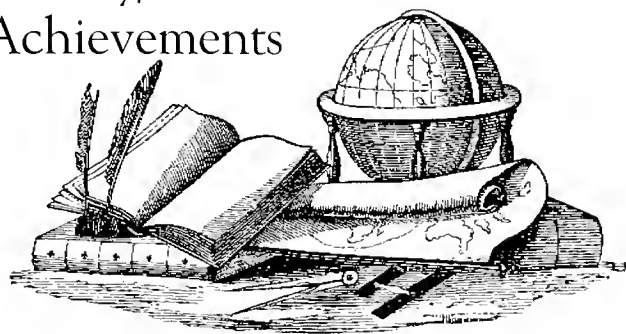
can express our desire for peace and the difficulties of achieving it. I wanted to make the stone into something other than a weapon, the subject of a work of art or a building material." In the sculpture, a round gray river rock lies in the middle

lence, that I wanted to explore more three-dimensional pieces in sculpture." She is in her last year of the two-year M.F.A. program at Maryland. Schumann's unsettled feelings about the condition of the Chester River are evident in her

sharing her message of elemental peace and harmony with nature to a broader audience. ▀

Carol Casey is a freelance writer in Takoma Park, MD, who often is drawn back to the Eastern Shore.

Faculty/Staff Achievements



KATHERINE CAMERON, assistant professor of psychology, was awarded a travel grant funded by the National Science Foundation and devoted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science to women's international science collaboration. She will conduct electrophysiological studies of memory function in adult epilepsy patients in Mexico City this summer.

DOUGLAS DARNOWSKI, assistant professor of biology, published two short articles in the *Bulletin of the Australian Carnivorous Plant Society*, titled "Some Non-Carnivorous Plants Useful for Locating Drosera Species in Northern Parts of Western Australia and the Northern Territory," and "Trip #5: 50,000km to Home." His article on native carnivorous plants appeared in the current *Native Seed* newsletter from Adkins Arboretum, and a short item on his book and research was published in the January/February issue of *Chesapeake Life Magazine*.

The tenth anniversary edition of *The Nuts & Bolts Guide to Rigging* by head men's and women's rowing coach, MIKE DAVENPORT, was published last fall.

MICHAEL HARVEY, assistant professor of business management, presented two papers at the annual meeting of the International Leadership Association in Seattle, one titled "How Leaders Talk," and the other titled "The Humanities and Leadership Education."

KARL KEHM, assistant professor of earth and planetary science, co-authored a paper on "Combined noble gas and trace element measurements on individual stratospheric interplanetary dust particles" in *Meteoritics & Planetary Science*.

Associate professor of psychology, MICHAEL KERCHNER, has been elected to a two-year term as a Councilor to the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN).

DONALD MCCOLL, assistant professor of art, gave a talk on archaeological work he did in the Roman Imperial marble quarries at Docimium, in present-day Turkey, at the Gunston Day School in Centreville. Over the Christmas break, McColl taught a course on Dürer at Imagination Alley in Chestertown.

MICHAEL MCLENDON, assistant professor of mathematics, gave a presentation at the

annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society (AMS) in Baltimore. He spoke at a special session on "Algebraic Topology Based on Knots."

JENNIFER O'NEILL, assistant professor of art, had her photography work chosen for the Perkin's Center for the Arts Annual Juried Exhibition titled "Photography 22." She is also the recipient of a juror's award and was considered in the finals for the Smithsonian Purchase Prize Award.

PAMELA PEARNS, assistant professor of French, had three articles accepted, one by *Research in African Literatures*, titled "Kateb's Journey Beyond Algeria and Back"; one by *CELAAN Review* published by the Center for the Studies of the Literature and Arts of North Africa, titled "Rewriting Orientalism in 'L'Interdite'"; and the third, titled "Women Warriors and the Search for Identity in Post-Colonial Algeria: 'La Grotte éclatée' by Yamina Mechakara," by *Phoebe: Journal of Feminist Scholarship*.

TAHIR SHAD, associate professor of political science and director of international studies, continues to appear frequently on WYPR 88.1 Radio's "Marc Steiner Show" to discuss politics, development and foreign policy in the Middle East region.

Assistant professor of chemistry, LESLIE SHERMAN, presented a poster titled "Investigating Global Climate Change with Fast Plants: A Laboratory Exercise," at the National Soil Science Society Annual Meeting. Dr. Sherman also co-authored a poster titled "Arsenic Con-

tamination in the Soils and Sediments of Zimapan, Mexico," which was presented at the Geological Society of America's Annual Meeting.

KAREN SMITH, professor of physical education, presented a paper on "Dancing Healthy" at the 16th World Congress on Dance Research in Corfu, Greece. Dr. Smith also presented material on the same topic at the 30th Maryland State Dance Festival, sponsored by the Maryland Council for Dance and hosted by the Dance Department at the University of Maryland College Park.

JANET SORRENTINO, assistant professor of history, published "In Houses of Canons, In Houses of Nuns: A Liturgical Dimension to Double Monasteries" in the December 2002 issue of the *Journal of Medieval History*. She also read a paper at the International Congress on Medieval studies in Kalamazoo, MI, titled "Poems and Pedagogy in the Gilbertine Ordinal" for the Charles Homer Haskins Society. Sorrentino also published a review of Nancy Bradley Warren's *Spiritual Economics: Female Monasticism in Later Medieval England* in *Medieval Review*.

Several members of the faculty were granted tenure last fall by the College's Board of Visitors and Governors: MARTIN CONNAUGHTON, assistant professor of biology; LISA DANIELS, assistant professor of economics; AUSTIN LOBO, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science; DONALD MCCOLL, assistant professor of art; and ROBERT MOONEY, assistant professor of English and director of the creative writing program. ■

That '70s School

THE BIG SNOW OF 2003 compelled many people across Maryland to clean out their closets. One recent afternoon in the office, the Magazine staff came across these “groovy” photographs so evocative of an era. We recognize some faces—Ford Schumann, Peter Murphy, and a young Bob Day among them. Perhaps you can name them all. They were just too good not to share. ▀





This is just a sampling of images from this era.
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vintage photos and test your long-term memory skills.

Say You Want A REVOLUTION

DETAILS ABOUT THE CLANDESTINE EVENT that nearly altered the course of Washington College's history are sketchy—lapsed into myth and speculation. Only one thing is certain: at some point in recent history, a group of students came within hours of deposing the College's president and facilitating a coup over the administrative powers housed in Bunting Hall.

THE PLANS HAD BEEN laid out. A date was chosen. A senior member of the administration, whose cooperation had been secured by the conspirators, was poised to assume the presidency on a provisional basis. Everything was in place.

On the appointed date, however, the plan fell apart. By sheer coincidence, the president was away on a business trip. Although admitting that his absence would make their coup easier, the insurgents called off the attack. Perhaps they drew on their knowledge of revolutions in Africa, undermined when an absent president returned to reclaim his power; perhaps they knew that, lacking the im-

age of a physically subdued figurehead, they would fail to garner popular support. These revolutionaries were careful, knowledgeable; they had been taught well.

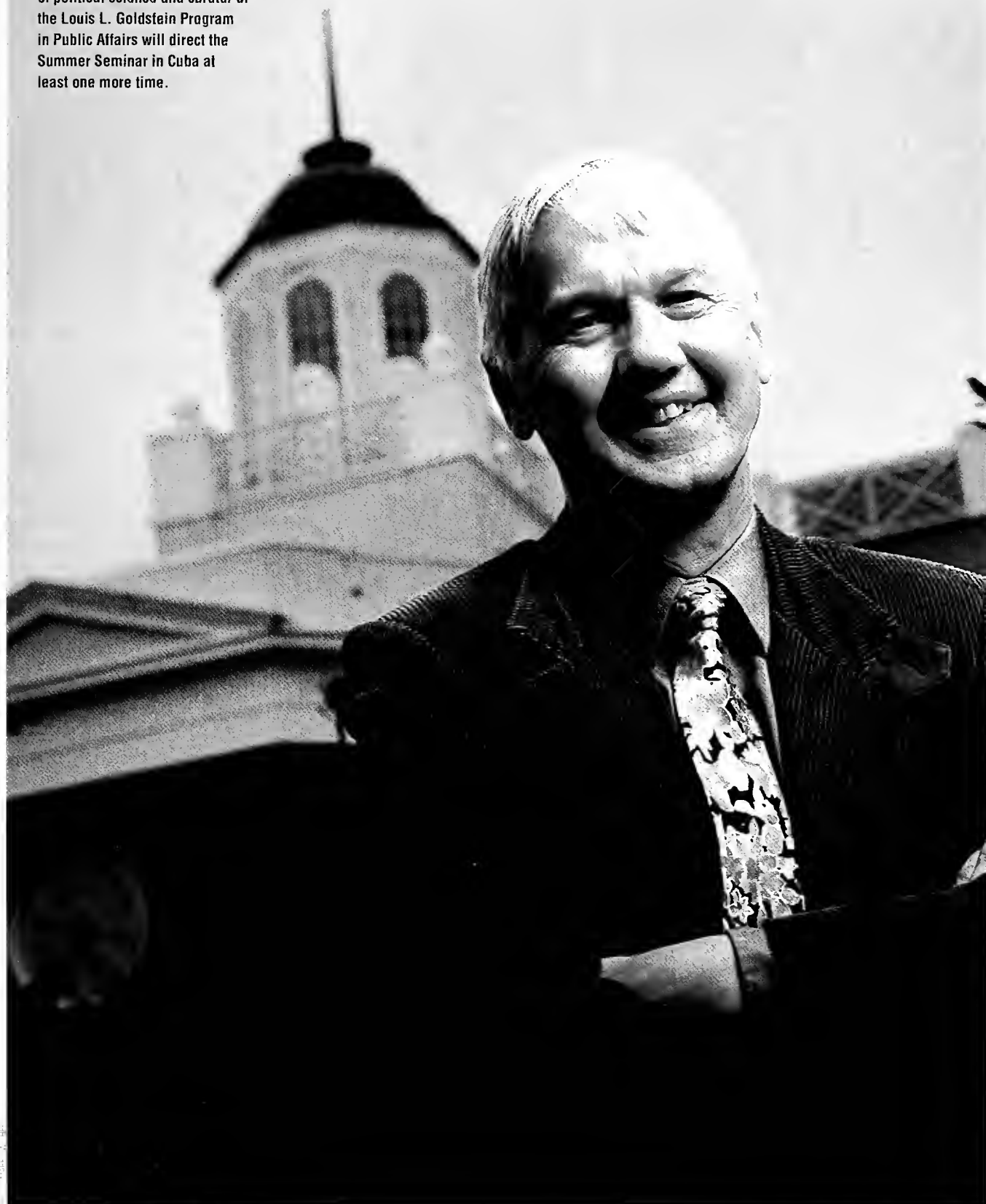
What is most surprising about the attempted coup is not how close it came to victory, or how it seems to have gone completely unnoticed; rather, it is the nature of the plan's conception and the identity of the man who presided over it that is startling. The idea for the coup was hatched and nurtured not in some smoky dorm room amid stacks of maps and ideological pamphlets or in the back hall of Andy's, a popular pub in Chester-town, but in the well-lit classroom of Dr. Dan Premo's "Revolution, Violence, and Terrorism" class. Although he did not

directly participate in the coup, it was Dan Premo's knowledge of historical events and meticulous concern for detail that inspired the students to attempt the most seminal event that never happened. And for their efforts, Premo would reward the insurgents-in-training with good grades and a learning experience they were not soon to forget.

"I don't think I've ever separated my career with the government from my subsequent move into education," Dan Premo states, referring to his eight-year involvement with the Foreign Service, which sent him to Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama and Colombia. "The nature of the work that I did for the government involved me directly with students, intel-

BY DENNIS WILSON '02

After more than three decades in the classroom, Dan Premo is retiring this year. The professor of political science and curator of the Louis L. Goldstein Program in Public Affairs will direct the Summer Seminar in Cuba at least one more time.



lectuals and artists. I find that now, almost at the end of my career, I'm engaged in many of the same kinds of interactions that I started out with."

WHEN DAN PREMO began his career at Washington College in 1970, he was determined to let his experience as a diplomat shape his role as an educator. His firsthand knowledge of social upheaval throughout Latin America gave him a perspective and a wealth of stories that were rarely found in the classroom. "When I talk about elections, coups, and some of the more violent aspects of political behavior, I talk from experience. I have been witness to some events," he points out.

Now, Premo has even more reason for reflection. After 32 years of teaching, Premo is retiring in June. He is savoring his last weeks in the classroom.

Whether he teaches Latin American history or political science, Dr. Premo finds ways to bring his life experience into the classroom. This is what prompted students to plan a coup against Washington College; more frequently, students opted to depose the leadership in one of the Central American or Caribbean republics.

It was Dr. Premo's experience as a diplomat, perhaps, that led to his emphasis on objectivity and group consensus in the classroom. "Objectivity is one of the most important criteria on which I've tried to base my teaching," Premo states—for this, his students, past and present, have been thankful. "He could lead discussions on different topics and bring them around 360 degrees until each student had a fundamentally better understanding of the issue than they had 75 minutes earlier," one former student recalls. A current student puts it more directly: "You leave the class thinking differently from when you came in."

Another appreciated aspect of Dan Premo's teaching is his interdisciplinary approach. "When I first met Dan, he was very committed to the idea of approaching international relations from a multidisciplinary perspective," states Professor Tahir Shad, who was hired by Dan Premo in 1990 to help strengthen the international studies department. According to Shad, Dr. Premo relied on his knowledge of historical, political, anthropological, economic and linguistic di-

mensions not only to better his teaching but also to fortify the connections among the College's academic departments. In this way, Dr. Premo's style of teaching led both to a better classroom and to a stronger, more unified community.

"He had a vision that even though we were a small college we should have a global reach," Shad says, and without a doubt Premo's influence has been felt on campus and around the world. Shortly after his arrival, Premo established the College's first Latin American studies concentration, teaching classes such as "U.S.-Latin American Relations" and "Government and Politics in Latin America." Premo also presided over the campus chapters of the Model Organization of American States and Model United Nations, pulling in students and professors from various departments. In an effort to widen students' views of the world, Premo strengthened the study abroad program by establishing new offerings such as the summer seminar in Cuba, or by reinforcing pre-existing programs in South Africa and elsewhere. Premo also encouraged the foreign languages department to expand beyond its core classes of French, Spanish and German.

When he wasn't sending students across the world, he was bringing the world to them. Under Premo's direction, the Goldstein Program in Public Affairs was raised to a new level of professionalism, attracting speakers such as Cornel West, Kweisi Mfume, James Fallows and E. J. Dionne, Jr. As the head of the political science department, Premo sponsored student-driven clubs that made Washington College a voice in a greater worldwide dialogue.

Although Premo's accomplishments in these areas helped to shape the College's identity and its place in the world, his most profound influence is found in the hearts and minds of those he taught. Former students remember him as an intensely personal man who took time for them, despite his demanding schedule. One student mentions being moved by "having a professor who really cares about his students, both in and out of class—who tries to learn about each student's potential." Another student maintains that "despite his accolades, Dr. Premo is just a regular guy. He can tell you exactly where he was during each game of the 1968 World Series when his beloved Tigers were playing the Cardi-

nals, or recall what it was like to have rocks thrown at his American Center office in Colombia. And he was always quick to crack a joke about how I couldn't seem to stay awake in his 1 p.m. classes."

THE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS whose lives have been shaped by Dan Premo is extensive. There is Harris Whitbeck '87, who is CNN's principal Latin American correspondent. A native of Guatemala, Whitbeck approached Premo after graduation to thank his professor for giving him a deeper understanding of his own country.

There is Minety Abraham '04, who was better able to deal with the events of September 11 because of what she learned in Premo's class. Speaking for herself and her classmates, Abraham remembers that "it was difficult for a lot of people. We just couldn't comprehend why it happened." But taking the class gave her a "theoretical, analytical, and real-life" understanding of the attacks and their aftermath.

And there is Matthew Murray '95, who is working in the American Embassy in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. "There are two or three people in my life without whom I would not be a Foreign Services Officer, and Dr. Premo is definitely one of those persons," insists Murray. Murray says Dan Premo's integrity inspired him in shaping his own career: "Dr. Premo left the Foreign Service in 1965 because he objected to U.S. policy in Latin America that culminated in the invasion of the Dominican Republic. I remember vividly when he explained one day in class that while he didn't want to resign, he believed that if he couldn't support U.S. policy in the Dominican Republic because of his own moral convictions, then he couldn't be a U.S. diplomat. Dr. Premo will probably never fully appreciate the impact that simple statement had on my career. As I have moved through my career in the Foreign Service over the past four years, I have often examined U.S. policy through the lens of Dr. Premo's moral principle. I don't think most of my colleagues are grounded with the same sense of morality and duty that Dr. Premo compelled in me." ■

Dennis Wilson '02, now a Peace Corps volunteer in Mozambique, is a revolutionary at heart.

E X P L O R A T I O N S

A Day With DINOSAURS

"I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHAT TIME THEY COME.
The earlier they get here, the more they'll see!"



DR. JACK HORNER, one of the world's foremost paleontologists and curator of paleontology for the Museum of the Rockies, was talking about us. We were making our way to his base camp, near Jordan, MT, in early August. Eight of us were to spend a "day with the dinosaurs" (and with Jack) as part of a trip arranged through good friends and the Conservancy of South Florida. Our little group of eight already had completed several days of hiking and kayaking in and around Glacier National Park and had met key members of the Nature Conservancy of the state of Montana. As beautiful and enjoyable as that had been, Diana [Dibble '65] and I had, in a sense, "been there and done that" in other trips spent camping, skiing or hiking in the U.S. and Canadian Rockies. We had visited other archeological and anthropological "digs,"

such as that of the Leakeys in Olduvai Gorge in Kenya, years ago, but a working "dinosaur dig" at the site of the biggest Tyrannosaurus Rex ever found, was to be a new experience. We were psyched!

To get to the dig site, we left Billings and drove two and a half hours northeast, into Garfield County and the Montana badlands. Garfield County, 4,668 square miles, is more than twice the size of my resident state of Delaware. With a population density of 0.3 persons per square mile, it qualifies as true frontier country. After spending the night at the oh!-so- funky Garfield Motel (the only hotel in this town of 886 residents—it's for sale, if you're interested), we left early in the morning and drove due north on a dusty gravel road to Fort Peck Lake, a dammed section of the Missouri River, in the sprawling C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge.

Geologically, the area is known as the Hell Creek Formation

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The trend in vacations among adventurous types is the ecological tour. Here, vacationers observe a team of archeologists working in the Montana badlands to uncover the bones of a T. Rex dinosaur.

and a quick look around tells you that the name is well-deserved. On a summer's afternoon, temperatures can easily reach 110 to 115 degrees in the shade. Homer and his team, Dr. Bill Clemens and a group from University of California, Berkeley, as well as other scientists, are all involved in the Hell Creek Project, a five-year effort to reconstruct the ancient ecosystem of the Hell Creek Formation. The area is unique in what it reveals about the K-T boundary which marked the end of the Cretaceous period and the beginning of the Tertiary period. This period in time witnessed a massive asteroid impact on the earth which closed the curtains on the 160-million-year play featuring the dinosaurs.

During the Cretaceous period, a shallow seaway existed across the interior of North America, reaching close to the volcanoes of the then-young Rocky Mountains. By 65 million years ago, the seaway had contracted toward the east, exposing most of present-day Montana. Presence of igneous rock from the Rockies volcanoes, in these sedimentary rock formations, allows for radioisotope dating and pinpoints dinosaur bones found in the area to being 65 to 67 million years old. The top layers of the formation are accurately dated at 64.5 million years old.

Although dinosaurs lived everywhere, conditions are excellent for finding their remains in eastern Montana. The sedimentary rock that fossilized their skeletons affords fairly easy access. Due to the extremes in temperature and the dry, windy environment, these rocks are eroding fast and in the process exposing fossilized bones which trained observers can find with relative ease. In addition, there are very few houses, parking lots, highways or malls to have to dig under. The first dinosaur teeth were found in 1855 in the Western Hemisphere just upstream of the Fort Peck Reservoir. Just three years into the Hell Creek Project, Horner's team has uncovered numerous dinosaur skeletons, including eight T. Rexes!

In addition to his publications and books, Jack Horner is

perhaps most widely known as the technical advisor for Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* films. He has also been featured on The Discovery Channel and The History Channel in various TV "dino-documentaries." To prepare for our trip, I had read several of his books and knew that he had been described by some as reticent, moody and "marching to a different drummer." So it was no surprise when we arrived at the Hell Creek base camp that Jack was not there. Members of his team, however, quickly climbed a nearby hill and located Jack by radio, informing him that his guests had arrived. In about a half hour he drove in, in a dusty, four-wheel drive. He limped up to greet us, explaining that he had "blown out a knee" the day before in a prospecting mission on a different part of the badlands.

In contrast to the descriptions I had read, we found Jack warm and interesting. He is a big man, standing about 6'4", and seems totally consumed with dinosaurs. As we chatted with him about what we would see at the "satellite camp" where the real work was going on, we met other members of his base-camp team. Jack has been digging dinosaurs since he was seven years old and professionally, since the 1970s. Each summer he takes to the field with a professional crew, a camp manager, a cook and various colleagues, mostly associated with the Museum of the Rockies and Montana State University in Bozeman.

Due to Jack's knee problem, Bob Harmon, chief preparator of paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies and field crew chief, was elected to take us to the T. Rex dig at the satellite camp. Bob discovered this particular T. Rex (fewer than 18 have ever been found), so it was even more interesting to get his story of discovery, first-hand. In the custom of paleontologists, this find will be called a "B. Rex," after its discoverer.

Bob, like Jack, spends lots of time in the badlands "prospect-ing." On one particular day in 2000, he was hiking in the Hell Creek back country and stopped to have lunch. Munching on a sandwich at the base of a steep anticline, he spotted, above his head, a T. Rex metatarsal, jutting out of a vertical section of the sedimentary rock! He returned to base camp for a folding chair, on which he stood to reach the bone and do some more probing. From this precarious perch, he was able to recover the metatarsal, distal tarsal and other bones, including portions of a vertebrae and rib. It was too late in the season to do more.

Summer offers a limited window of opportunity to make a successful dinosaur dig in eastern Montana. Anything that isn't removed in that period needs to be covered and protected against the elements and erosion until the dig continues. So in summer 2001, a team of rope-climbing specialists armed with jackhammers gathered at the site, carved an impressive chunk out of the cliffside and found more beautifully-preserved bone. Based on the size and quality of the bones, the effort to unearth them seemed more than warranted. And what an effort it would be!

Starting June 1, 2002, the Horner team, armed with the proper federal per-



mits, terraced the top of the cliff and then cut anchor points for their rope climbing equipment. Swinging from ropes and harnesses, they jackhammered through and shoveled away almost 40 feet of rock to get to the B. Rex bone layer.

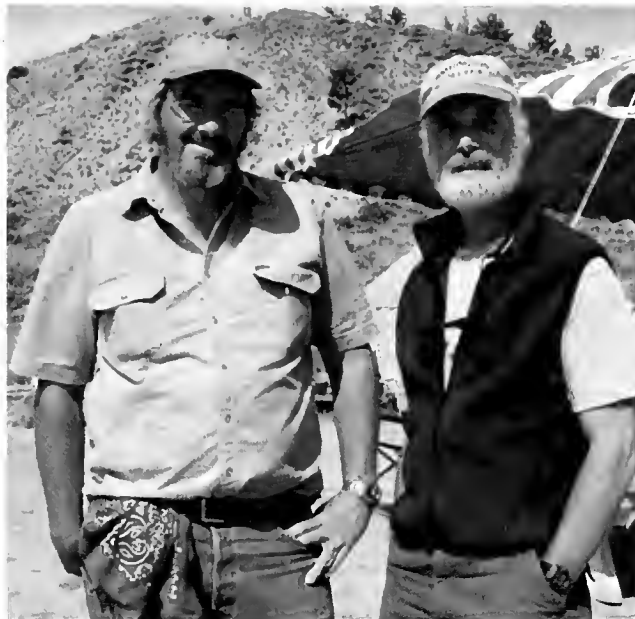
After hearing his story of discovery, we made our own lunches in the base camp trailer and set out with Bob Harmon for the dig site. It is a four-hour trek from base to satellite camp, but we took the easy way by power-boating down Fort Peck Lake about five miles. We disembarked on a non-descript lakeshore and donned our Kevlar snake gaiters. In blazing midday sun we hiked for about an hour into the Montana badlands, through sagebrush and scrubby pines, around buttes, to the droning of grasshoppers and other insects and finally came upon a small cluster of tents on a hill near the anticline.

Although stories of discovery are exciting and romantic, actually digging dinosaurs is hot, dirty and grueling work. First, you have to get to the level of the preserved fossils. If you are as well known as Jack Horner, you might be fortunate enough to have a patron or two to help fund your work. For this dig, a member of the Kohler (think faucets) family provided a helicopter, which allowed moving a fuel-powered generator and electric jackhammers to the site. They were used to cut through 40 feet of mountainside. Reaching the "fossil level" allows the beginning of a tedious exposure and preservation process. In addition to funding, which is hard to come by for paleontology work in today's economic climate, Jack had a willing and knowledgeable team of six graduate students and volunteers in place, headed by Nels Peterson. We watched them whisking, brushing and gently poking around fossilized bones with ice picks in this manmade, cliff-side quarry.

Fossilized bone is much the same color as the soil and rock around it, so it takes a trained eye to tell the difference. As sections of bone are meticulously exposed, they are painted with polyvinyl acetate to retard weathering and help hold everything together. As more and more bone is exposed, dirt and rock are removed all around until the bone is resting on a thin dirt or rock pedestal. At this point a plaster cast is placed around it. This is done by soaking burlap in wet plaster of Paris and wrapping the bone. The pedestal is broken after the plaster hardens. The protected piece is then cataloged and ready to be taken to the museum where it will be cleaned and studied.

The dig site is also cordoned off with grid lines made of twine, in three dimensions. The exact location of each piece is recorded. When used in conjunction with other data, this type of information can reveal a great deal about the dinosaur and its habits.

As we chatted with members of the crew, we learned even more about the hardships of dinosaur digging. That spring, there were snowstorms. Overhangs on the cliff above occasionally gave way, raining mudstone and debris on the workers. A makeshift fence had to be constructed around the quarry to prevent workers from falling over the cliff below the worksite. High winds and violent electrical storms are frequent during summer. Then there is the heat. Sun exposure is a daily hazard. In July, the team would begin work at 4 a.m. in order to seek shade of camp in the blazing mid



Paleontologist Jack Horner (left) welcomed author Robert Leitch '62 to Hell Creek, where eight T. Rexes have been found.

day sun. Frequently, they found the shade also attracted rattlesnakes, especially in the communal kitchen tent! We tightened our snake gaiters. Showers are few and far between. Fort Peck Lake is almost an hour's hike away. Only a couple of times during the summer did the crew get into "downtown" Jordan for supplies, a real shower and a night's rest in a real bed in the Garfield Motel.

In spite of the hardships, the crew was particularly excited during our visit because the B. Rex skull had been found. This is regarded as the most prized and scientifically valuable part of a skeleton. The jugal, the maxilla and dentary were being uncovered, virtually as we watched. The braincase had been found, although it appeared to be lodged under the 40-foot quarry wall and attempts were being made to tunnel around it.

All too soon, it was time to begin the hot, dusty hike back to the boat. Along the way, we picked up fossilized baculites, ammonites, cretaceous lobsters and other sea creatures that are found in egg-shaped nodules called concretions that lie on the beaches of Fort Peck Reservoir.

Back in base camp, we spent more time with Jack Horner and learned that the large and fearsome Tyrannosaurus Rex, which is one of the more popular dinosaurs in today's media, is really not a favorite of his. He is much more interested in the hadrosaurs, also known as duckbill dinosaurs. He feels, for many reasons, that the hadrosaurs, along with their relatives the lambeosaurs, are two of the most sophisticated reptiles to have ever lived. His impressive exhibits at the Museum of the Rockies, in Bozeman, are ample testimony to his passion for the duckbills.

As we chatted under the tent fly of the Hell Creek base camp among a collection of RVs, tents, pickups, motorcycles and four-wheelers, Diana asked Horner if his son intends to follow his footsteps in paleontology. He laughed loudly. "I recently asked him just that," he said. "His answer was, 'No way, Dad! I want to drive a Porsche!'"

Robert Leitch '62, a retired crop genetics researcher, shared this adventure with friends he met while working for DuPont in Switzerland.

Bob Harmon,
the field crew chief,
first spotted the T. Rex
now undergoing
extrication.

“Is It Good For Washington College?”



Former College President Joseph H. McLain '37 was undoubtedly one of Washington College's most memorable and beloved professors. He loved chemistry, but he loved his students and Washington College even more.

AS THE COLLEGE PREPARES TO BUILD A NEW SCIENCE FACILITY, former First Lady Ann McLain is overseeing an initiative among family, friends and former students to fund the atrium as a fitting tribute to his memory.

B Y M A R C I A C . L A N D S K R O E N E R M ' 0 2



After a tour of duty in WWII and a practicum in applied chemistry at Monsanto, Joe McLain began his teaching career at Washington College. He became president in 1973.

who had caught Joe's eye during the first week of school. He needed a date.

"I had no idea who Joe McLain was," Ann recalls. "So I went down the hall to ask Do Williams [Daly '38] whether I should go. Her sister Alice was my roommate. She told me,

'Yes, indeed—he's president of his class, a basketball player, and a real nice fellow.' So we go to this formal dance and I find myself in the receiving line with him and President and Mrs. Gilbert Mead. I was only 16 years old!"

That occasion was a harbinger of Ann McLain's life to come—a life centered around the leadership of Washington College, a life spent with Joe McLain. The two were married in 1941, after Ann had graduated. Five years later, the McLains were back in Chestertown, where they raised two daughters and "adopted" countless other sons and daughters who passed through Washington College over the next 35 years.

Joe's work on his Ph.D. in chemistry at Johns Hopkins University had been interrupted by World War II. A major in the Army chemical corps at Edgewood Arsenal, he developed several devices for the troops. Among his 30 patents are smoke grenades to camouflage the movements of advancing troops, underwater torches that allowed Navy divers to cut through four inches of steel in fractions of a second, and land and sea rescue and warning flares. He also developed rocket propellant formulas and pyrotechnic devices used for staged separations in space flights. After the war, Joe completed his Ph.D. and returned to Washington College in 1946 to teach chemistry. He stayed for the rest of his life—as professor, scientist, dean, and finally, college president.

"He was devoted to the College in every way," recalls Ann. "He loved to teach, and he was very good at it. The fact that many of his students went on to graduate schools and were able to hold their own with students from much larger colleges is a testament to his abilities as a professor."

Even those who opted out of graduate school became well-respected in their

AN EMBROIDERED sampler is prominently displayed on a bookshelf in Ann McLain's kitchen. It asks one of Joe McLain's favorite questions: "Is it good for Washington College?"

If Joe were alive today, his widow says, he would smile his crooked smile and boom an affirmative "Hell, yes!" to the idea of a new science facility. It promises to bring together all the sciences under one roof, encouraging the cross-disciplinary exchange of ideas. More importantly, it will provide much-needed research and teaching laboratories where professors and students can work together—a teaching approach that Joe McLain initiated more than 50 years ago, when he first enlisted students' help with his pyrotechnic experiments.

"Joe always wanted the best for Washington College," Ann McLain recalls. "He wanted the College to be

known for its excellence in teaching; he wanted students to have a bright future because of their educational experiences at Washington College. When he was asked to become president, it was a tough decision, because he truly enjoyed teaching. I think what people admired most about Joe is that his interests extended beyond chemistry. He enjoyed literature and could quote poetry; he knew philosophy, he took great delight in sports of all kinds and he appreciated the great outdoors. Above all, he just loved people. Joe would love the fact that the atrium in the new science building will be a place where people of all disciplines will gather and talk."

ANN HOLLINGSWORTH was barely out of high school when she met Joe McLain. It was Freshman Week, 1936, and there was a dance coming up Saturday night. The phone in Reid Hall rang for Ann, a pretty redhead

fields. Bob Baldwin '48 was one of Joe's first students. Directly after college, he went to work for a small company in Pennsylvania and spent his career in research and production of dye materials.

"Joe McLain taught us not to be afraid of any challenge," Baldwin recalls. "He made us use our heads. A lot of it was common sense. I worked a lot of places, and I often had Ph.D.s from Rutgers, University of Chicago and Pitt

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to me and ask me questions. Joe McLain never gave the answers—he challenged us to find the solutions ourselves."

DURING McLAIN'S TENURE in the chemistry department, Washington College produced top-notch scientists for research and development, medicine, and industry. Among his star pupils are Ralph Snyderman '61, now Chancellor for Health Affairs at Duke University Medical Center; Dale Patterson Adams '65, a research chemist now retired from Alco Chemical Division of National Starch and Chemical Company, manufacturer of industrial starches, adhesives, polymers, and electronic and engineering materials; Karen Johnson '68, a medical researcher with the National Cancer Institute; and Terumi Kohwi-Shigematsu '71, a senior scientist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Joe McLain was a big man with an easy smile, a tireless teacher, and an entertaining storyteller. Among his most memorable characteristics, notes Karen Johnson, were "a keen intellect, a passion for life fueled by abundant energy, and a deep understanding of people." Yet if there is a single memory Joe McLain's students share, Kohwi-Shigematsu says, it has to be his standard response to any student's dilemma—academic or otherwise. He would clear his throat and exclaim: "You've got to think!" Kohwi-Shigematsu says that Ed Schulman '71, now chief of pulmonary and critical care at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia, still does a pretty good imitation of that typical McLain rejoinder.

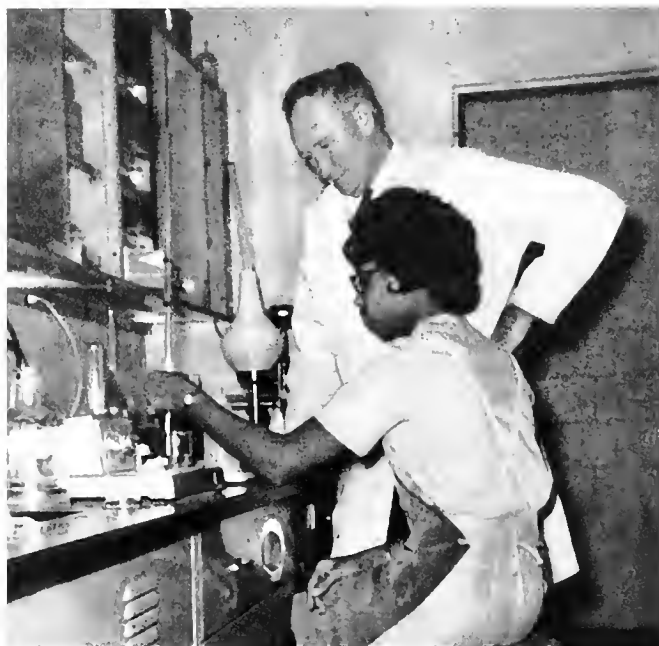
"Joe McLain really cared for his students, and he spent a great deal of effort to help us develop a fundamental insight into

chemistry, to achieve a deep understanding that we could apply to other areas," recalls Kohwi-Shigematsu. "I entered Washington College intending to major in biology, but Joe McLain told me that I would have to first understand how atoms and molecules react, because that's what drives all living systems. My work today is in the life sciences, investigating how the enormous length of mammalian DNA is packaged in a small nucleus allowing specific genes to be expressed in a timely manner. The positive attitude toward scientific research that Dr. McLain has taught me has been very helpful in my research career, and I am now passing his memorable word to postdoctoral fellows and graduate students in my laboratory."

Karen Johnson, who is serving on the McLain Memorial Committee, considers him to have been the consummate professor. "He recognized potential in students, even when they were not doing their best, and he was able to motivate them toward excellence," she says. "He loved the role of the underdog and was never happier than when Washington College was facing off against the Goliaths of the lacrosse field: Navy, Hopkins or Maryland. The same joy came across when he worked with students to find their way through the challenges of undergraduate studies or to placement after graduation. The Davids of Washington College found their way into the best graduate programs in the country or to rewarding jobs in industry."

Dale Adams, a retired analytical chemist and a College trustee who stays with Ann McLain whenever she visits Chestertown, calls her former professor "a mentor in the truest and fullest sense. Because of his broad world view," she says, "he saw things in us that we didn't see in ourselves. It's remarkable how many lives he influenced. He made sure every chemistry major in my class went on to graduate school."

Adams, who had been accelerated through Western High School in Baltimore, was 15 when she first came to Washington College. "I had never really been away from home, and I had never met anyone like Joe McLain. He was interested in so many different things, and he encouraged us to express ourselves. To me, he epitomized what a liberal arts education does for a person.



He would point out things that we took for granted, and explain them in a way that made us see them in a new light. Joe McLain had many gifts and talents, one of which was to broaden the perspectives of the students he interacted with."

In her role as an analytical chemist, Adams says she called upon those creative thinking skills she learned from Joe McLain. "He never asked us to regurgitate information," she recalls. "His tests always asked us to solve a problem or to explain something we hadn't talked about in class. The creative use of chemistry tenets was what he expected."

A solid-state chemist of Scottish heritage, McLain had his own take on creative chemistry. Among his inventions were flares and smokes in different colors. One of his pet projects, Adams recalls, was developing smokes in the traditional McLain colors. "I remember he was having trouble getting a certain shade of green," she laughs.

John Conkling '65, a classmate of Adams, now knows that blue is the more difficult pyrotechnic color to achieve and sustain. As a graduate student at Johns Hopkins, Conkling always thought he would go on to DuPont's chemical corps. A call from Joe McLain changed the course of his life—one that pulled him back to Washington College, and then propelled him to the forefront of the pyrotechnics field. He recently stepped down as Executive Director of the American Pyrotechnics Association, and in addition to his adjunct teaching position at Washington College now works as a pyrotechnics consultant focusing on safety and homeland security issues. In recent months, he has been training the workforce of various federal agencies in the nuances of explosives.

"Pyrotechnics was something that had never occurred to me, but it turned out to be an excellent opportunity that has taken me all around the world. When I came back to teach, Joe asked me to assist him with several projects he had underway with the fireworks industry. I found it a fascinating area of chemistry; the experiments are unlike any others. I had the opportunity to mentor under Joe's supervision for eight years."

Conkling holds eight patents on pyrotechnic compositions and materials, and is currently enlisting the aid of students in his research to better understand the mechanism of the ignition of pyrotechnic mixtures. His



technical text, *The Chemistry of Pyrotechnics*, first published in 1985, is in its thirteenth printing.

WHEN JOE ACCEPTED THE COLLEGE presidency in 1973, Ann's life changed dramatically. "I became much more involved in College activities," she says. "It meant we were entertaining, hosting meetings, holding open houses. I have to say we enjoyed living in the Hynson-Ringgold House—it's so beautiful. And there were so many wonderful people on the Board of Visitors and Governors that we got to know well: Mrs. Lelia Hynson, Louis Goldstein, Tom Nichols, Phil Wingate, Charley Clark, Furlong Baldwin, Rob Roy and so many others. Many of them are gone now, but we made a lot of good friends that we still have today."

As First Lady, Ann also accepted a great deal of responsibility. "I was expected to do much of the hands-on organization," she says. "I remember when Joe first became president, the price of

Photos opposite page, top to bottom: After the war, Joe and Ann McLain lived in Mount Washington with their firstborn daughter, Wibs, while Joe was completing his doctorate in chemistry at Johns Hopkins University. McLain monitors the laboratory work of Dale Patterson Adams '65, who would go on to a career in analytical chemistry and service on the College's Board of Visitors and Governors. With McLain's encouragement, every chemistry major in her class went on to graduate school. This page: Joe McLain convinced Terumi Kohwi-Shigematsu '71 to major in chemistry. She is now involved in genetics research. Joe and Ann McLain enjoy one of their favorite pastimes: Shoreman lacrosse.





Ann McLain '41, former First Lady of Washington College, is still involved in the life of the College. She enjoys attending talks and lectures, particularly those hosted by the McLain Program in Environmental Sciences.

oil rose significantly, causing a huge increase in college operating expenses. Joe was keen on having the College on sound financial footing and there was practically no endowment, so we had to be careful and try not to squander resources."

It was a simpler time, Ann McLain admits, but still Joe had a vision for the College that she says is not unlike that of President John Toll's. "Joe understood that Washington College has a lot going for it as a small liberal arts college where each student matters, where each student deserves the personal attention of his or her professor. Because of our long history with Washington College, we understood what it has meant to people over the years."

Those lean times make the prospect of funding a new science facility even sweeter.

"People of our generation went through the Great Depression," Ann says. "I remember my father taking baskets of potatoes from the farm into Church Hill to help folks get by. The Depression affected all kinds of people; somehow that adversity helped us develop a sense of values because we then understood how important it is to know how to share and to give."

The greatest gifts Ann McLain has given to Washington College are tributes to her late husband. The Joseph H. McLain Program in Environmental Sciences, the McLain Prize in Chemistry, and the McLain Scholarship, funded by members of the American Pyrotechnics Association, were all her initiatives.

Ann, her family and friends, and Joe's former students and associates raised \$300,000 to endow a chair in Joe's name; the Hodson Trust matched that amount dollar for dollar.

She also was instrumental in helping persuade old friends to give to worthy causes at the College. Ann's roommate's sister, Do Williams Daly '38, and Do's husband Ken, provided the leadership gift for Daly Hall. Her classmates and friends also rallied around the William Smith Hall project and the Goldstein Hall project.

Yet nothing has piqued her interest quite like this new science facility, and the opportunity to put Joe's name on the heart of it. Symbolically, the atrium bridges the old and the new, the past and the future. It promises to be full of light and people. It will provide a forum for visiting experts, a meeting space for students and faculty, and a place to talk about chemistry, and poetry, and life.

"Joe would think there was nothing better than a place where students could have everything at their disposal," Ann McLain says, "where students can work closely with faculty and have the best equipment possible. I know he'd think it was good for Washington College." ■

Marcia Landskroener, the College's senior writer, often wonders if she shouldn't have been a chemistry major instead.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

College Honors Bob Cleaver

MOST PEOPLE have to retire in order to get the recognition they are due. Bob Cleaver '58 had to go to work, again.

For the third time in seven years, Cleaver has stepped into the role of interim alumni director. This time, he is filling in for Pamela Chamberlain who resigned from her position as director of alumni affairs in January to return to her native Austin, Texas.

"Pam made quite an impact in a relatively short time," remarked Bill MacIntosh, vice president for development and alumni affairs, "and she grew quite fond of Chestertown and the people associated with Washington College. The simple matter is that she missed her family."

For Bob Cleaver and his wife, Ann Hurst '57, Washington College is family. At the conclusion of a 35-year career as an insurance executive in Michigan, he and

Ann retired to Chestertown to be close to old friends and classmates, and to participate in the life of the College.

Cleaver is among the ranks of the College's two premier giving clubs: The 1782 Society and the George Washington Society, and has been a consultant to the development office. In addition to his work in the Alumni Office, he was also co-president of the Kent and Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter and the co-chair for his 45th Class Reunion this May.

At the convocation luncheon in February, the Alumni Association presented Cleaver with the 2002 Alumni Service Award. "What sets Bob apart from so many other Chestertown retirees," remarked Valarie Sheppard, president of the Alumni Association, "is his level of commitment to his *alma mater* and his keen sense of the power of this place to positively affect lives." ▀



Dericka Scott '01 and Rodney Oddoye '01 are the first Washington College students to complete the dual degree program in engineering at the University of Maryland. The two share such common interests, and have spent so much time together, they decided to get married.

Oddoye Engineers Wedding Proposal

IT WAS FOUR DAYS before Christmas. She was graduating with an engineering degree from the University of Maryland the following day. But when Washington College called and asked Dericka Scott '01 to meet a reporter on campus to be part of a panel discussion about the College's 3:2 dual degree programs, she readily agreed.

Too bad it was a hoax. She had been set up by Rodney Oddoye '01, Washington College classmate, fellow engineering student at Maryland, and soulmate. His

motive? A diamond ring in his pocket, true love in his heart, and the intention to propose marriage on the campus where their lives first connected.

"I wanted to propose at Washington College because this is where it all began," says Oddoye. "This was my home for three years; this is where Dericka and I learned everything about each other."

"We saw each other at registration the first day of school in the fall of 1997 and met at the informational session about the 3:2 engineering program," Scott recalls, "and we had a lot of common classes as physics majors. But we were strictly friends for two years, until Rodney needed a date for his sister's wedding. [Phyllis Oddoye '98 married Robert

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Bull in November 1999]. We ended up spending that Christmas together."

What makes their relationship so perfect, they say, are their common interests, their support of one another through a strenuous academic program and their Christian faith. They share a belief that destiny brought them together. Rodney followed his sister to Washington College from Botswana; Dericka is a Maryland girl.

"The probability of us ending up at the same school, in the same program is astonishing," Oddoye says. "It's as if we were meant to be together."

The two accepted their degrees in electrical engineering December 22, 2002, and began planning the next stage of their lives together. Dericka has accepted a position with Lockheed Martin. Rodney is working for BG&E in Baltimore. They plan to be married next summer.

"She's just perfect," Oddoye says. "I don't know where I'd be without her." ▀



Ralph Thornton '40, Jen Schaeter Bershon '95 and Tucker Bershon were among 75 guests attending the Kent & Queen Anne's Chapter holiday party at the Hynson-Ringgold House in December. Chapter members brought a record number of toys—enough to fill four large Santa bags—which were later distributed to area children.

Alumni Get In The Swim

ALUMNI SPANNING the past decade returned to campus in early February to support eight senior swimmers at their last home meet of the season, and to celebrate their astonishing 45-4 record accu-

mulated during the past four years. For returning alumni it was also an opportunity to catch up with old friends.

Among the returning swimmers were triathlon competitors, masters swimmers and swim coaches who volunteer their time while juggling graduate school and careers.

"It means so much for me to see the 'swim family' support the program," says Kim

Lessard, head swim coach. "They are so excited about the success of our swimmers, particularly their academic achievements. In almost every semester since 1992 the teams have been recognized as Academic All-Americans."

Of her eight seniors, Lessard says, five are headed to graduate school.

This was the first time alumni swimmers were invited to join in the Senior Day festivities with swimmers and their families, but Coach Lessard vows it won't be the last. Alumni who have been out of touch with the swim program but would like to be involved can contact Coach Lessard at klessard2@washcoll.edu. ▀

Minding The Gap

LANCE MERCEREAU '94, who has lived abroad for 18 months, is connecting alumni across the Atlantic and his *alma mater* by launching an Alumni Chapter in London.

Mercereau, a public relations executive, is planning the first get-together for April 12. Alumni and the eight students studying in London this semester are invited to meet at the American Bar in the Stafford Hotel at St. James' Place, at 7 p.m.

"I envision the Alumni Chapter as a means of helping students adjust to studying and living in London," Mercereau says.

Among those who expressed early interest in the London chapter are David Bauer, a political science major, Amy Caddle '92 and Ciaran O'Keeffe '94. Any other Londoners who would like to get involved are encouraged to contact Lance at +44 (0)20 7300 6247. ▀



Former swimmers returned to cheer on the men's and women's teams in their final home meet of the season, and then spent the remainder of the day socializing. Many expressed a desire to give something back to the program.

CLASS NOTES

1936

CHARLES BERRY

was one of five senior citizens recently awarded the Geri Award from the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. He was also one of 50 nominees inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for the year 2002. Hall of Fame Nominees are selected based upon their service to their communities after they have obtained "senior citizen" status. Geri Award recipients are recognized for performing extraordinary service in their communities. Berry's nomination was based on his overall contributions to his church and civic organizations and community. In recent years, his primary focus has been the Wicomico Retired Teachers Association and the Ward Foundation.

1938

LUTHER BERGDALL

and his wife, Bernie, said "goodbye" to a family farm and "hello" to a great grandson in 2002. Bernie sold "Willowbrook," her lifelong home on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The couple left the farm in July and spent several months visiting family in California. At the end of the summer,

the couple welcomed their sixth great grandchild, David Luther Smith. They just moved to Sacramento, CA.

1939

GEORGE EISENTROUT

is working on a flora and fauna woodcarving for the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial.

CHARLES LEIMAN

and his wife, Jane, recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

CLARENCE L. KIBLER

and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in September.

1941

RAYMOND JERVIS COOKE

wrote that four alumni are now living at the Methodist Manor House in Seaford, DE. Raymond is delighted that Mary Sargent '38 and Dr. Asher Carey '41 are his neighbors.

1949

JOHN LEONARD

recently had both eyes operated on by Dr. Stark, the same doctor who operated on Sugar Ray Leonard when he suffered a detached retina.



Valarie Sheppard '86 (left) and Lorraine Polvinale '69 were recently elected President and Vice President, respectively, of the Alumni Council.

WILLIAM E. WRIGHT

retired from IBM 12 years ago. He raises Scottish Highland cattle in Virginia.

1950

EDWARD ROBBINS

and his wife, Joan, are excited about their latest endeavor, a new Hampton Inn and Suites which they opened on Chincoteague Island, VA. The

couple recently visited Gulf Shores, AL, to see Joan's 100-year-old mother. During their visit, the couple had to evacuate twice due to a severe tropical storm and hurricane.

1955

DAVID DOUGHERTY

recently merged his law practice to form a new law firm, Dennison, Schultz, and Dougherty, in Arlington, VA.

THOMAS H. LAW

is selling his farm in Virginia where he raised beef cattle. He plans to move to Mexico.

HERBERT J. CASTELLANI

recently retired and is living in California.

1959

ED DRYDEN

is a professor of English at the University of Arizona, where he teaches and edits the *Arizona*



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Members of the Talbot County alumni chapter raised a toast to George Washington at General Tanuki's Restaurant in Easton. The restaurant donated room and food for the occasion.

Alumni and friends pictured are (front row, from left): toastmaster John Grim '53, Joan Grim '55 and Mark Pellerin '75. (Second row): Barry Drew '70, Martha Ann Nelson '55, Kristina Henry '88, Ellie Leonard '69 and Alison Romano '70. Back row: Dominic Romano '69, Lauren Kline, Matt General, John General and Bill Leonard '70.

Quarterly. He has a new book, *Monumental Melville*, forthcoming this year from Stanford University Press.

1960

DONALD AND SUSAN DAVENPORT are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, William Christopher Davenport. William was born to their son, Steve, and his wife.

ROBERT KEADY

and his wife, Jody, are happily married and enjoying retirement. They live in Oak Harbor, WA, and enjoy boating.

EDWARD L. MANTLER

is retiring from the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, MD.

1961

JOHN BUCHANAN

is employed at the law firm of Buchanan and Hennessy in La Plata, MD. He also enjoys spending time with his daughter, Lara '92, and granddaughter.

RICHARD IRVIN

is semi-retired from his nursery and landscaping business in Phoenix, MD.

1962

HOLLY BURKE

announced that her daughter, Samantha Bohlinger Hale, was married October 5, 2002. Samantha's twin sister Sarah was her maid of honor. It was a beautiful wedding—great weather, lovely bridesmaids, and a fabulous band. The family loves their new son-in-law.

LLEWELLYN ZUCK

is enjoying retirement but continues to be very busy pursuing his interests.

1963

KATHERINE YODER EATON,

after living happily for four and a half years in Island in the Sky, her cabin on top of a mountain, has decided to move closer to her office. She is buying a summer "Caribbean" cottage in Cashiers, NC.

1964

CYNTHIA AEBISCHER

is enjoying retirement after 35 years of teaching school. She resides in Orlando, FL.

1966

CATHERINE FRONHEISER

recently relocated from Pennsylvania to Williamsburg, VA.

1969

PETE JOSLIN

is President/owner of Bryco Controls, which provides automation solutions to customers like Honda, Hyundai, Coke, UPS and others within the Southeast. The company has offices in Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga and Huntsville, with one planned for Nashville. Pete also recently completed flight training.

VIRGINIA "GINNA" HAMEL JOSLIN

is director of the physician assistant program at Emory College in Atlanta. She and husband Pete (see above) recently completed construction of a new "getaway home" on the coast of Maine where they sail and relax. Their oldest daughter is expecting her second child in July and the couple is delighted to be grandparents! They look forward to seeing everyone at their next reunion.

RAYE HARRIS SIMPSON

retired from the Worcester County (MD) Public School System two years ago, and now works at Salisbury University.

1970

BARBARA OSBORN KREAMER

is a solo practitioner of law in Harford, Cecil and Baltimore counties. She was re-elected to the Democratic Central Committee for Harford County, MD, in September.

NANCY B. WHELAN

received a doctorate in educational leadership and administration from Seton Hall University.

1971

HARRY KILPATRICK

and wife Cathy are proud of son Ryan, who is a freshman at George Washington University.

ERIC RUARK

is working on a master's degree in American studies at Trinity College in Hartford, CT.

1972

THOMAS FINKBINDER

teaches theater and English at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, MD.

1974

SUSAN SCHEIOLE

participated in the Maryland Senior Olympics held at Towson State University in October, winning gold medals in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard individual medley, a silver in the 50-yard butterfly and a bronze in the 100-yard freestyle. Lots of her co-workers from Coca Cola Enterprises were there to cheer her on. She qualified to swim in the National Senior Olympics to be held this spring in Hampton, VA.

1976

JANE MITCHELL

was appointed by the president of the University of Delaware to the Visiting Committee for the Nursing Department. She is head of the Alliance of Professionals for the Homeless which provides free medical care. She also is coordinator for Meals on Wheels for St. Paul's Catholic Church. If this weren't enough,



The annual alumni baseball game last fall attracted a big crowd. Pictured are (first row, left to right): Al Streehman '69, Hal McBee '92, John Morrall '95, Vinny Sanudo '92, Keith Whiteford '94, M'02, Joe Boan '93 and Fred Schroeder '47. (Second row): Jim Young '99, Dustin Ritter '00, Mike Scozzatava '02, Todd Perry '00, Dan Gerbas '99, Scott Gartlan '02, Jason Usilton '01, Fred Chalmers '02, Mike Hinkle '98, Tim Pilarski '97 and Ed Athey '47. (Third row): Tom King '00, Pat Jones '84, Steve Sandebeck '73, Dan Evans '02, Justin Holler '00, Paul Taylor '98, Brandon Mallon '01, David Briggs '00 and Sean Tysko '98. Despite all their firepower, the alumni team tell to the varsity team.



Alumni toasts to our founding patron were held throughout the world on February 22. This toast to George Washington, held in Annapolis, was just one of many that brought alumni together to raise a glass in his honor. Dr. Toll led the largest gathering of celebrants at Washington's Birthday Ball. For more Toast pictures, visit www.washcoll.edu/wcalumni/.

she is an artist who has had her work shown at the Dover Art Center.

1977

KEITH TWITCHELL

reports that he has taken his "first real job in 16 years"—he is vice president of the Committee for a Better New Orleans.

1978

HAROLD D. NORTON

has been appointed attorney for the City of Havre de Grace where he and wife Kate make their home. He recently received national publicity in a case decided by Maryland's highest court, which upheld protections for ancient family graveyards. He also has been recognized for his *pro bono* work with the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service and for legal publications for the Maryland Institute of Continuing Legal Education. He still enjoys keeping in touch with fellow Theta Chi's as far away as Venezuela through a series of "rolling e-mails."

SHELLEY SHARPE

reports that life with a 2-year-old (Allison) and a 6-year-old (Andrew) is "a lot like downhill ski racing. It's very exciting, the scenery is a blur and you are always on the verge of spinning totally out of control." Nevertheless, Shelley and husband Greg are still enjoying life in Florida where she is a global

marketing consultant with AT&T Business.

1980

DENISE BELMORE McEACHERN

is celebrating her promotion to vice president for Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs with global responsibility for the Johnson & Johnson Diabetes Franchise LifeScan. She lives in Livermore, CA.

1981

KANE BENDER

is vice president of a start-up company, Internetseer.com. He lives in West Chester, PA, with wife Elizabeth and kids John, 10, and Ali, 5.

JIM GRAHAM

couldn't be more pleased with the sales resulting from his December show "Along the Waterline" at a Wilmington, DE, gallery. He's busy planning a show of new work from Mexico and Italy in April. Those interested in his work should check out www.jimgrahamphotography.com.

1982

ALLEN LUTHY

and wife Kathleen '82 are still in Florida where Allen is an attorney in the Air Force.

1984

LINDSEY EVANS-THOMAS

spouse Peter and two sons live in Annapolis, where she is working in film production.

PAMELA PEDRICK MANTICA

lives in Cary, NC, with husband David and daughters Paige, 5, and Heather, 2.

1985

SCOTT BREWSTER

and wife Beth Wolf-Brewster '87 live on the water in Denton, MD, with their two children Drew, 4, and Hannah, 2. Scott works with Biogen Pharmaceuticals as a national account manager and Beth has begun a career in restaurant consulting. She is vice president of the Caroline County Humane Society.

1986

JOHN C. NOSTRANT

and wife Gina live in Haverford, PA, with their three children—Olivia, John, and Marcella.

1987

DAN FORZANO

has lived in California since 1994. He manages a worldwide testing group at Apple Computer. He hopes to get to Reunion 2003 and urges all to contact him at dforzano@apple.com.

CHRIS STRONG

is enjoying life in Annapolis with two daughters—Reilly, 5, and Audrey, 3.

1989

ED CONRAD

congratulates Al Hepting '88 and Tom McVan '87 on qualifying for the PGA tour. They finished at the top of their q-school class and will play on the buy.com tour this year.

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BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

To David Taibl '83 and his wife, Lori, a daughter, Mary Lane, born January 2, 2003. Mary joins brothers Hayes, 4, and Grant, 2.

To Jenny Hearn Kauffman '84 and Jeff Kauffman '83, a daughter, Lily Elizabeth, born April 6, 2002. Lily joins brothers Jeff, 15, and Emmett, 10, and sister Lexi, 13.

To Nicholas Ferrara '86 and his wife, Denny, a daughter, Ava Sophia.

To Travis Aldous '89 and his wife, Jane, a son, Chase Haines, born October 6, 2002.

To David Puskar '89 and his wife, Susan, a daughter, Sara Joy, born October 6, 2002.

To Angela Henneman Cavallaro '90 and her husband, Mark '90, a daughter, Isabella Marie, born September 27, 2002. Isabella joins sisters Maddie, 5, and Lily, 2.

To Jodi Bailey '91, a son, Samuel, born December 6, 2001.

To Jocelyn Reppert Folk '91 and husband Steven, a son, Adam, born June 23, 2002.

Kelli Farrell Helbling '91 and husband Todd welcomed their fourth child, Ellie Marie, born November 7, 2002. Siblings Luke, 5, Jonah, 4, and Marylee, 18 months, are proud to have her as their little sister!

To Shawn Shults Van Vessen '91, and her husband, Robert, a daughter, Delaney, born September 23, 2002. Delaney joins sister Erica Anne, 4.

To Katherine E. Absher '92 and her husband, Bennett W. Horter, a daughter, Isabel Helen Horter, born October 30, 2002.

To John Kelly '92 and his wife, Mavis, a son, Shane Patrick, in February 2002.

To Beth Knieriem Tisdale '92 and her husband, MacGregor, a son, Sean Hampton, born August 22, 2002.

To Tracey Greenawalt Wilson '92 and her husband, Patrick, a son, Aidan, born November 19, 2002. Aidan joins brothers Patrick and Garrett.

To Peter Hagen '93 and his wife, Michele, a daughter, Julia Beth, in April 2002.

To John Wood Wilson '93 and his wife, Shannon, a son, John Wood Wilson, Jr., born May 13, 2002.

To Melissa Burrow Maddox '94, a son, John Grayson Maddox, born January 31, 2003.

To Margaret Wadsworth Erickson '94 and Keith Erickson '94, a son, Benjamin Sawyer, born March 13, 2002. Benjamin joins brother Samuel, 2.

To Alison Deliberto Dax '96 and Christopher Dax M'97, a daughter, Hailey Marie, born May 22, 2002.

To Ida Whayland Hastings '96, a son, Caleb Tyler, born August 30, 2002.



Collin Wayne Snyder was born August 5, 2002, to Heather Feezer Snyder '94 and her husband, Curt. Collin's brother, Logan Edward, is 2.

To Alison Carr Kempe '96 and her husband, Nick, a daughter, Morgan Elizabeth, born December 6, 2002. She joins brother Andrew, 2.



Tony Silvia '87 and his wife, Lisa, welcomed a daughter, Samantha Grace, born November 22, 2002.



Timothy '96 and Mary Price Wick Reath '95 (right) introduced their infant son, Timothy Reath III, to Susan Stobbart Shapiro '91 and her son, Max, at the Annapolis Chapter holiday party in December. Young Timothy Reath was born April 1, 2002. Max Shapiro was born February 8, 2002. The Reaths are the new Alumni Council representatives for the Annapolis Chapter. Susan is former president of the Alumni Council.

SANORA PEREZ ENGLAND

is homeschooling Benjamin, 5, and Emilici, 3, in the Columbia, MD, area.

JANET SIMMS KENNINGTON

has worked at the Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD, as director of marketing for the past 12 years. She and husband Corey are expecting a second child in June. They have a son, Wil, 2. They are in a new home and enjoying life.

ARIAN O. RAVANBAKSH

works for the National Archives and Records Administration at University of Maryland, College Park. He was recently elected to the steering committee of the Government Records Section of the Society of American Archivists.

1990**DAVIS JEFFERSON**

and wife Judy, along with their terrier Holly, live in Newark, DE.

PETER JOHNSON

and wife Sharyn live in Lawrenceville, NJ, with their daughters Morgyn and Haethyr. Peter works in New York City as director of group insurance benefits for Citigroup. He urges all classmates to email him at peterjohnson@yahoo.com.

SARAH PYLE MOORE

along with husband Cary and two-year-old son Charlie have moved to a new home in North Arlington, VA.

MARIO MORANI

is still involved in international equestrian competition.

MEG MURRAY

is a singer/songwriter and has performed throughout the Mid-Atlantic region with bands such as Non-Fiction, Hussy and August West. She's just released a solo CD, *Ready*, featuring ten original songs which is available at www.megmurray.com. She plays weekly in Annapolis (check out the website for times) and urges all classmates to come out and say "Hi!"

MARY JO ALLISON WHITE

lives in Wilmington, NC, with husband Don and daughters Vivien, 3, and Sophie, 2. She is a commercial program manager for GE Nuclear Energy.

1991**KELLI FARRELL HELBLING**

lives in Fredericksburg, VA, with husband Todd and their four children. She is active in her local MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group and in a weekly Bible study. She is also a Creative Memories consultant

MARRIAGES

Jeffrey Sawyer '94 to Trisha Riley, May 26, 2002.

Anthony Wright '94 to Alex Johnston, July 3, 2002.

Annette Mack '96 to Shawn Duckery, June 15, 2002.



Margaret-Elizabeth (Beth) Skinner '92 and Tim Lavery were married September 14, 2002, in the Taggart Memorial Chapel at McDonogh School in Owings Mills, MD. The couple honeymooned in Maui and live in Monkton, MD. Beth is coordinator of records with The Gilman School's office of development in Baltimore. Tim is a senior consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. Alumni pictured with the wedding couple are Jason Imber '92, cousin Linda Anders '89 and Deidre Riegel '92.



Lisa Brown '95 and Ken Tully were married February 9, 2002. Alumni pictured with the bride are Tony Higgins '95, Kathy Mullan '94, Jennifer Dougherty '95 and Greg Coss '92. Ben Smyth '94 was also in attendance.



The Reid Hall Red Hots visited the Alumni House last October. Pictured are (front row): Daphne Fogg Siegal '81, Jean Dixon Sanders '79 and Shirl Renkenberger DeLawder '81. (Second row): Maura Kelly Rogers '79, Ruth Christensen O'Brien '81, Emily Morris Litonjua '82 and Jody Dudderar '77.

More Marriages on pages 32- 35.



Life is just a day at the beach for some folks. Pictured during their families' summer vacation in Rehoboth are (left to right): Sarah Sarno, daughter of Cathy Cole Sarno '92 and Doug Sarno; Bennett Rider, son of Brandt and Karen Stritehoff Rider '92; Patrick Wilson, son of Pat and Tracy Greenawalt Wilson '92; Matthew Sarno; Garrett Wilson; and Sophia Klima, daughter of Jamie and Staci Vendelis Klima '92.

and enjoys working on her photo albums whenever she can.

1992

KRISTIN CUMMINGS

and husband Dan check in from Towson, MD, to report that son Colin Burk, 1, and daughter Caroline, 4, are doing well.

JENNIFER GOLDEN

works as a product manager in Boston.

JASON IMBER

loves writing for the Independent newspapers. Being the sports editor is "a lot of work but it is well worth it." He lives on

the east end of Long Island and has "never been happier."

REBECCA SMITH MAUL

is an instructor of biology at Arkansas State University and is assistant editor for the Journal of Raptor Research. Husband Jonathan is finishing a Ph.D. in environmental sciences.

1993

YVETTE HYNSON

graduated from the University of Maryland, University College, with a master of science degree in nonprofit management last May. She is director of member services for The Maryland Association of Community Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Inc., located in Severna Park, MD.

1993

DAVE TAIBL

and his family were excited to ring in the new year with the birth of their third child, Mary Lane, on January 2, 2003. She is well cared for by older brothers Hayes, 4, and Grant, 2. Dave is pursuing his M.Ed. in administration through the University of Virginia while working as

dean of students at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, VA.

1995

MARIANNE CULBERTSON

finds her teaching experience at Ridgely Middle School in Timonium, MD, extremely rewarding. She grew up right around the corner and is constantly reminded of her own experiences at the school in eighth grade. She loves seeing her students outside of school. Her students are brilliant and creative. She teaches them to read non-fiction, fiction, and poetry strategically. The parents are very supportive. This year, Marianne is the sole sponsor of the school literary magazine, *The Inking*.

SUSAN CZECHOWSKI

is a professor of art at Western Illinois University. She admits she has an attraction to tractor pulls.

DAVID DENNEHY

is assistant dean of students at Marvelwood School in Connecticut. He plans to begin working on a graduate degree soon.

MARRIAGES



Carol J. Brothers '99 and Charles T. Dean III '00 were married December 22, 2001 at Deer Park United Methodist Church in Westminster, MD. Alumni in attendance included Josh Matteau '99, Rachel Eckert Matteau '99, Larry Krebs '99, Kristy Raine '99, Kiri Gibson '00, Larry Rower '00, Jessica Watts '00 and Ally Burleson '02.



Tony Higgins '95 and Susan Garille were married October 6, 2001. Alumni pictured include Harrison Gallagher '95, Giles Beal '95, Tim Stoltzfus '93, Keith Morgan '95, Ray Herndon '94, Skip Gibson '95, John Shannahan '95, Sokhon Pin '95, Eileen Hunter Reach '96, Kathy Mullan '94, Sarah Bell '98, Maria Jerardi '94, Greg Coss '92, Lisa Brown Tully '95, Jennifer Dougherty '95, Michael Noonan '02 and Jennifer Higgins '99. Ben Smyth '94 and Adrienne Gemmel '99 were also in attendance.

JENNIFER DOUGHERTY

is in her second year of doctoral work at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University. She presented a paper, "Culture, Rhetoric and Reconciliation: The Place of Language in the Northern Irish Conflict and Peace Process," at a conference at the University of Massachusetts.

TYLER McCARTHY

encourages any classmates who are interested in getting together in the New York area to e-mail him at tmccar2278@aol.com.

PATRICK OPLINGER

is living the life of "an American ski bum" in Avon, CO.

1996**JDDIE CLARK**

completed her master's degree in English Linguistics at the University of Strasbourg last spring. She recently moved to England where she is working on a Ph.D. in linguistics at Loughborough University. She can be contacted at j.l.clark@lboro.ac.uk.

SCOTT CULPEPPER

is a first-year student at the Medical College of Virginia, where he is training as a physician's assistant.



Kate Mahoney '00 and Cassie Dowling '00 (l. to r. on horseback) and Josh Schulman '00 (not pictured) spent a week in January in the Gambia, West Africa, visiting Peace Corps volunteer Bill Burke '00. Mahoney reports the horses and the vacation were "absolutely fabulous."

CAREY HARGROVE

works for his brother's new company, Hargrove III Events, Inc., through his new business, Produce It Now, LLC. He was a major player in the great success of this year's Birthday Ball. In his free time he enjoys riding motocross, boating, and self-improvement.

MARK STEPHENS

writes from Largo, MD, that he is a junior officer at the Department of State.

1997**AMY RIZZITELLO DUGUAY**

completed training at Princeton University in June. She lives in Lawrenceville, NJ, where she works in medical communications.

JOHN GUCHEMAND

and wife Ellada Gamidova are the proud parents of Kamran, 1.

PAUL W. SMAIL

is currently working for the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science as a faculty research assistant at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory. He exchanges fish stories with Professor Walt Boynton and other colleagues in the Ecosystem Ecology Group.

MARRIAGES

Amy Povloski '97 and Brandon Redmond were married September 21, 2002 during an outdoor ceremony in Ocean City, MD. Amy is still running the Single Copy Department at the Maryland Gazette Newspaper for Capital-Gazette Communications, Inc. and is pursuing an interest in real estate. Her husband is the Head Athletic Trainer at Loyola Blakefield High School. The happy couple owns a home in Linthicum, MD, along with their two cockatiels and two Jack Russell puppies. Amy and Brandon honeymooned in the Bahamas where they went scuba diving with sharks!



Robert '83 and Isabella Coale were married July 27 in the Parc Montsouris, Paris. Bob, a former faculty member, hopes to return to campus for his 20th reunion in May.



Jim Kalergis '99 and Susan Baker '00 were married Sept. 14, 2002, in Charlottesville, VA, surrounded by dozens of Washington College friends.

CHRIS WIMER

completed a move from Annapolis to Lynchburg, VA. He is vice president/project manager of Smith-Wimer Construction Inc., focusing on design, building and marketing pre-engineered metal buildings.

1999**KASSIE JONES BLAKELOCK**

checks in from Snow Hill, MD, where she has opened a picture frame business with her sister called "Oh, That's Cool!." She is the proud mom of Jack and Kallie.

ERIC JOHNSON

is a First Lieutenant with the U.S. Air Force Medical Service Corps. In February, he finished officer training school as a "distinguished graduate," ranking among the top 10% of his class. Eric is currently attending the Air Force's Health Services Ad-

ministration School in Texas. During deployments, he will be involved in the coordination of the Air Force's EMEDS (Expeditionary Medical Services) operations. Eric and his wife Jamie are expecting their second son, Heath, in April. They reside at Andrews Air Force Base.

HEATHER LANGLEY

has received her doctorate of physical therapy at the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

MARRIAGES

Jason Yerkie '00 and Meadow Gladding '00 were married August 11, 2002, at Kent Manor Inn, Stevensville, MD. In attendance were (left to right): Dan Jacobson '00, Eric Anderson '00, Joanna Johnson '00, Jessica Hruby '00, Laura Schoenfelder '00, Sam Houston '02, Megan Kelly '02, Shane Ritenburg, Megan Quinn '00, Sarah Brockley '00, Ryan McAllister '98, Leigh Bond Ritenburg '00 and Anne Chan '00.

MASTERS**1982****JOHN KUNTZ**

has been pretty busy: he received an MLA from Johns Hopkins in 1985, wrote a children's book, *Tennessee Tiger*, in 1986, was awarded a certificate of Advanced Studies in 1989 and is working on a Ph.D. at the University of Glamorgan in Wales.

1988**CARL BEASLEY III**

teaches English and Religion at the West Nottingham Academy, a college preparatory school in Colora, MD.

LAURA BROWN DEEN

works at Trenton Elementary School in Trenton, FL.

SHARON WEST

is a patient advocate for the State of Maryland. She works in the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

1996**CAROL LUPIS**

has begun a new business, "Creative Design Concepts." She is focusing on formatting digital videos, specifically for weddings and home interiors. She and husband James live in Chestertown, MD.

2002**TAYLOR CROCKER**

has taken her place in the family business, John R. Crocker Company, where she is training to be a project manager.



Erin Devlin '00 and Shawn Peterson '00 were married June 1, 2002 at the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, MD. Alumni in attendance were Kara Lee '01, Kelly Powell '99, bridesmaid Jolene Lehr '99, groomsman Justin Holler '99, Earl Piner '01, Steve DeVore '99, Jaimee Scates and Drew Fitzpatrick '99. The couple honeymooned in Ireland and is residing in Boonsboro, MD.

IN MEMORIAM

Louise Crouse Layton '31 died November 1, 2002 in Centreville, MD. After graduating from Washington College, she married C. Rodney Layton '31 and taught high school English, history and French in Queen Anne's County Schools. She was President of the Queen Anne's County PTA, served on the Board of Directors of the Queen Anne's County Free Library, and was a member of the Queen Anne's County Garden Club and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Among her survivors is her nephew, Tom Crouse '59.

The Rev. Canon Percy Nock Reese '31 died January 20, 2003. He worked for 30 years as a line engineer for Bell Atlantic Telephone until 1973 when he was ordained Deacon of Coventry Parish, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Marion Station, MD. Rev. Reese was an officer in the Crisfield Rotary Club and a member of Chesapeake Lodge 147 Masons.

Thelma Moffett Vansant died January 23, 2003. She taught for more than 40 years in Kent County, beginning in a one-room schoolhouse at Cliffs City. In 1987 she was named the county's Most Beautiful Person. She was president of the Kent County Teachers Association, a member of the county, state and national associations of retired teachers, a board member of the Eastern Shore Health Planning Council, the Kent County Health Planning Committee, the Camp Fairlee Manor Advisory

Committee, the Chester Sassafras Foundation, the Historical Society of Kent County, the Women's League of Washington College, the Capt. Lambert Wickes Foundation and the Christ United Methodist Church.

Elizabeth S. Knouse '37 died September 30, 2002 in Clearwater, FL.

Alma Deen Altfather '38 died November 9, 2002.

Charles H. Meiser, Jr. '42 died June 1, 2002. Upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy where he became a cryptographic officer assigned to Admiral Chester Nimitz' staff in the Pacific. After the war, he worked for Thiokol Corporation and helped to develop the solid propellant fuel binders that now power the space shuttle and other military and commercial satellite rockets. After retiring from Thiokol, he started the Textile Research Institute, where he authored several papers on textile flammability and received numerous patents.

John "Jack" Walk '44 died August 7, 2002. He was an Army veteran of WWII and a captain in the National Guard. He was a member of the Brookeville Elks Lodge.

Barbara C. Cawley '46 died July 2, 2002. After graduating, she taught in Caroline County schools and worked for Caroline County Social Services. She is



Barbie Parris Lawrence '75

survived by her husband, Wayne Cawley '48.

Louisa Hall Royer '48 died February 18, 2002.

J. Perry Chambers '50 died September 14, 2002 while vacationing in Alaska. He had retired in 1987 from NASA-Goddard Space Agency, where he was a manager in the Man in Space Program. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Young Chambers '53.

Mary "Bidi" Irish Watt '51 died October 14, 2002 after a long battle with cancer. She was a devoted member of Fort Lauderdale's Children's Aid Club. She is survived by her husband, Graham '49.

John A. Allspach '61 died December 28, 2002 in Chestertown, MD. He was a high school

guidance counselor for much of his career.

Barbara "Barbie" Parris Lawrence '75 died suddenly January 2, 2003. Lawrence began her professional career in the office of Senator Joseph Biden Jr. as a staff assistant and research director. She moved to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in 1982 as Special Assistant to Chairman Clarence Thomas. In 1988 she was promoted to the position of Personnel Management Specialist in the Human Resources Department. At the time of her death, Barbie was the Senior Personnel Management Specialist. Lawrence was a devoted alumna, serving first as the Washington, DC, Chapter President from 1982-1983 and, for the last few years as Alumni Council Decade Member for the '70s. She and her husband, Greg, made frequent trips to Chestertown for College events, and rarely missed a Reunion. She was respected for her commitment to her family and friends, as well as to the Washington College community.

James E. Hoxter, Jr. '88 died December 19, 2001 in Baltimore, MD. After graduating from Washington College, he worked for the State of Maryland as a legislative administrator. He volunteered with the Kent Island Little League for over 15 years as well as the Department of Aging. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Stevensville.

The Scholar And Artist Homestead Act For 21st Century America

by Professor Robert Day

I have an idea. How about we repopulate the rural areas of America with poets and painters and scholars? And oboe players who want to practice in the solitude of the Great Plains?

My thinking is that we get a Rich Somebody's Foundation to buy up a number of semi-ghost towns with the idea of repairing the abandoned houses, cleaning the town lots, turning on the water and street lights again, and then inviting a sonnet writer from Brooklyn to Petrarch away in peace and quiet for a few months with a morning coffee pot perking in the kitchen and coyotes howling at the edge of town at night. It would do both the town and the poet good.

What's so funny?

My wife and I live like this. She's a painter working with glee and oils in a rebuilt chicken shed we had pulled onto some lots we own in the town of Bly, Kansas. There is no Bly, Kansas. I made it up. I'm not going to tell you where we live. Only that we live in a place like Bly, Kansas. A lovely, more than half-abandoned town on the High Plains with wild turkeys walking West Dirt Street now and then, and dove roosts in the cottonwood trees.

We've got fine neighbors. Do they think we're strange

because my wife makes paintings that are not of windmills or old barn wood, and that I don't write cowboy poetry for the Hallmark Card Company in Kansas City—much less run cattle for a living? Sure they do. Do they like us and help us? Our neighbors are the ones who pulled the chicken shed onto the lots. It's been great fun.

By my counting there are half a dozen houses in Bly that could be bought up and repaired. Maybe more if you add the ones that aren't for sale, but are falling down and might be for sale if you could find the owner. And there are probably ten lots or so onto which you could move in houses from the country. What the Rich Somebody's Foundation does is buy these properties and hire local contractors to put them in good shape. Then the foundation establishes a trust run by the local banks, and the trust pays for the upkeep of the houses. Over the years it wouldn't be much of an expense. Oboe players don't do much damage to property.

When it's all settled about the money and the trust, and when the windows of the houses are washed and the floors swept clean, and the squirrels have been run out of the attics and the pack rats run out of the lots next door

(although you don't want to get too suburban about it all), you print a Homestead flyer for the rest of America.

Free Houses In Kansas.

But not free to everybody. And not free forever. Of course not.

I imagine a scholar who needs six months to finish a book on Carrie Nation that is difficult to write because there's no place in his high-rise building to walk between paragraphs. Writers need a place to walk in between paragraphs. Montaigne says his mind was never busy unless his feet were. In Bly we've got paragraph breaks all over town, as well as full chapter breaks just out of town on the roads of Whitewoman County. (Don't go looking for Whitewoman County either).

I imagine a potter who arrives in Bly from Denver one spring morning with a van load of wheels and maybe even a kiln, and buckets of clay (not that we don't have our own clay right out of the Whitewoman River), and who needs some 220 current to run the kiln and it doesn't take an afternoon to hook it up and by the next day you can hear the wheel spinning as you walk down Middle Dirt between paragraphs. Then a few days later in the Bly Co-op on the edge of town (where the Committee-to-Save-the World meets over coffee) you can hear them talking:

"Did you see we got ourselves a woman potter this time?"

"My favorite was the bag pipe player."

"Is it true she'd play her bag pipes all by her lonesome down the creek where Cody keeps his goats?"

"It is."

"I liked the poet. He didn't seem to do anything but he didn't brag about it."

"Cody claims the music was good for his goats."

What's so funny?

I imagine my wife in the chicken shed of her own (sans husband) with the northern light coming through the sky lights onto her paintings, and through the windows to the south she can see rows of pots being set out in the October sunshine by a woman from Denver who has done lovely work over the summer and who, later in the day, will make the rounds here in Whitewoman County to thank everybody for how kind they have been, and invite them down to Bly to see the pots, and to pick one for themselves as a gift for their kindness. And we will all gather together and tell stories about the bagpipe player and how she was good for Cody's goats.

I like my idea. ♦

Robert Day divides his time between teaching creative writing and literature at Washington College and walking between paragraphs in his native Kansas. The author of The Last Cattle Drive, In My Stead, The Fourwheel Drive Quartet, and Speaking French in Kansas, he is a member of the Prairie Writers Circle, a project of the Land Institute in Kansas. This essay was previously published by the Prairie Writers Circle, and is reprinted here by permission of the author.

COLLEGE EVENTS

March 24

The Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures presents "The Myth and the Reality of the Cuban Revolution," a lecture by Dr. Alberto M. Piedra, former U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala (1984-1987). Sophie Kerr Room, 7:30 p.m.

March 28

The C. V. Starr Center for the American Experience presents "The River Runs North: Harriet Tubman's Paths to Freedom," A talk by Kate Larson, graduate student at the University of New Hampshire. Hubbard Room, Custom House, Chestertown, 4 p.m.

April 1

The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs presents "Wealth and Democracy: A Conservative Perspective on America," A talk by Kevin Phillips. Hynson Lounge, 7 p.m.

April 3

The C. V. Starr Center for the American Experience presents "Charles Willson Peale: The Artist in his Museum," a lecture by David Steinberg. Hubbard Room, Custom House, 4 p.m.

April 4

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Campus Events and Visitors Committee present a lecture by Birute Galdikas, president of the Orangutan Foundation International. Hynson Lounge, 5 p.m.



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April 15

The C. V. Starr Center for the American Experience presents Nathaniel Philbrick, author of the best-selling book *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*. Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

April 29

The Richard Harwood Program in American Journalism is sponsoring an event featuring Al Hunt, executive Washington editor of the *Wall Street Journal*, and his wife, Judy Woodruff, CNN's prime anchor and senior correspondent. Tawes Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

For a monthly calendar of events, contact the special events office at 1 (800) 422-1782, ext. 7888.

For news, scores and campus event information, visit our Web site at www.washcoll.edu.

Visit the Washington College Magazine online at <http://magazine.washcoll.edu>.

May 18, 19 & 20

Reunion Weekend. A complete schedule is posted on the web (www.washcoll.edu/wc/alumni).

May 19

WASHINGTON COLLEGE 221st COMMENCEMENT. Among the honored guests will be actress Linda Hamilton '78 and Dr. Roy Ans '63. Campus Lawn, 10:30 a.m.

Washington College: in person

Principled, compassionate and articulate, Ian May is the kind of student every professor loves to have in class. His education, with its emphasis on international experiences, makes him just the kind of leader the world needs.

With the support of The Hodson Trust scholarship, Ian has crafted a world-class education that has taken him to four continents. He speaks fluent Spanish as well as Xhosa, one of the 11 official languages of South Africa. He will graduate in May with majors in Hispanic studies and international studies, and concentrations in Latin American studies and sub-Saharan studies, and has his sights set on a career in foreign affairs.

For now, he is applying for a Rhodes Scholarship and a Marshall Scholarship. He will be taking the U.S. Foreign Service exam in April. He has completed applications for the Peace Corps, a State Department internship, a cultural immersion program in Latin America, and an internship with National Public Radio.

"The opportunities presented to me have been just incredible," Ian says. "I've been able to study on four different continents, with most of that study paid for by Washington College. I can't imagine I could have made a better choice in colleges."



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